Minutes of a meeting of the Capital Region Board held at Chateau Louis, St. Michaels Room on Thursday, August 20, 2009

# **Delegates in Attendance:**

Mr. Christopher Sheard - Interim Chair

Mayor Camille Berube - Beaumont

Mayor Lin VanDusen - Bon Accord

Mayor Fred Hawryluk - Bruderheim

Mayor Kirk Popik - Calmar

Mayor Anita Fisher - Devon

Councillor Ed Gibbons - Edmonton

Mayor Jim Sheasgreen - Fort Saskatchewan

Mayor Bill Nimmo – Gibbons

Mayor Steven Sharun - Lamont

Reeve Wayne Woldanski - Lamont County

Mayor Greg Krischke - Leduc

Mayor Marvin Molzan- Leduc County

Mayor Albert St. Jean - Legal

Councillor Ben Van De Walle - Morinville

Mayor Carmen Fedirko - New Sarepta

Mayor Rob Wiedeman – Parkland County

Mayor Mel Smith - Redwater

Mayor Nolan Crouse - St. Albert

Mayor Ken Lemke - Stony Plain

Mayor Stuart Houston - Spruce Grove

Mayor Cathy Olesen – Strathcona County

Councillor Karen Shaw – Sturgeon County

Mayor Allan Gee - Thorsby

Mayor Grant Kulak - Wabamun

Councillor Bill McLaughlin - Warburg

Absent:

Mr. Rob Penny - Government of Alberta

CRB Staff:

Kathleen LeClair, Chief Officer Andy Haden, Project Manager Darryl Mills, Project Manager

Lisa Sederski, Executive Assistant

Brandy Moorhead, Administrative Assistant

This meeting was open to the public except for Agenda items 8 and 9, which were held incamera.

# 1. Call to Order and Chair's opening remarks

Called to order at 9:04 a.m.

# 2. Approval of Minutes of July 9, 2009

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of July 9, 2009.

Moved by Mayor VanDusen. Seconded by Mayor Sheasgreen.

Motion approved unanimously.

# 3. Representations from the Public

None.

### 4. TREF Applications

None.

#### 5. Heartland Transmission Project

Councillor Shaw suggested an amendment to the Notice of Motion adding that "the power lines be buried underground". After some discussion it was agreed that there should be two separate Motions: the first dealing with the use of existing transmission corridors; the second with the power lines being buried underground. CRB administration will work with Sturgeon County to develop wording on both Motions which will then be circulated to Board members. The Interim Chair asked that members be prepared to vote on the Motions at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.

**Notice of Motion:** That the Capital Region Board send a letter to the proponents that they must use the existing transmission corridors established by the Province over 30 years ago.

Furthermore, that the Capital Region Board send a letter to the Province requesting, with all due respect, that they do the same.

Moved by Councillor Shaw.

## 6. Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTrip)

Mayor Crouse gave an overview and provided background information. It was agreed to add the Premier and Capital Region MLA's to the carbon copy list.

**Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approve the attached letter to be sent from the CRB Interim Chair to the Province to reinforce the importance of the GreenTrip program to the Capital Region and encourage the Province to finalize the criteria and application process as part of its commitment to implement the Program.

Moved by Mayor Crouse. Seconded by Mayor Krischke.

Motion approved unanimously.

#### 7. Land Use

a. Mapping Approach

**Notice of Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the recommended Mapping Approach.

b. Buffer Areas

**Notice of Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the definition of Buffer Areas to be included in the Glossary of the Land Use Plan, and approves the Buffer Areas criteria.

c. Density Criteria

**Notice of Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the recommended Density criteria.

d. Priority Growth Area (PGA) criteria

**Notice of Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the Priority Growth Area criteria.

e. Weighted Priority Growth Area (PGA) criteria

**Notice of Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the weighted Priority Growth Area criteria.

f. Country Residential Area (CRA) criteria

**Notice of Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the Cluster Country Residential Area criteria.

g. Weighted Country Residential Area (CRA) criteria

**Notice of Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the weighted Cluster Country Residential Area criteria.

Connie Gourley and Hassan Shaheen from ISL Engineering, and Andy Haden gave a presentation and overview of the Notice of Motions. A copy of the presentation was provided to members. It was noted that all Notice of Motions and their recommendations have the support of Planning Advisory Group (PAG) and the Land Use Committee, with the exception of the Weighted Priority Growth Area (PGA) criteria (item 7e) and Weighted Country Residential Area (CRA) criteria (item 7g).

Some members expressed concern that these Notice of Motions were coming forward to the Board without agreement from the PAG and Land Use Committee. It was noted that this action was taken in order to meet the timeline outlined by the Province. The Interim Chair advised that should the PAG and Land Use Committee not be prepared to come forward with recommendations on items 7e and 7g, the Board will not be asked to vote on those two items at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting. CRB administration was asked to email the Board advising when the PAG and Land Use Committee have approved items 7e and 7g.

Items 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, and 7f will come forward for approval at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.

Moved by Mayor Fisher. Seconded by Mayor Popik.

#### 8. Committee of the Whole

- a. Committee Reports
  - i. Transit Committee

A copy of the August 20, 2009 Report (#2) was provided to members.

- ii. Land Use Committee
  - A copy of the August 20, 2009 Report (#8) was provided to members.
- iii. GIS Committee

A copy of the August 20, 2009 Report (#2) was provided to members.

- iv. Governance Committee
  - A copy of the August 20, 2009 Report (#7) was provided to members. Mayor Olesen advised that succession of the Interim Chair will be an item on the next Board meeting agenda and members will be asked to vote in a private session, via secret ballot, to determine whether appointment or election of a successor is preferred.
- v. Advocacy Committee
  - A copy of the August 20, 2009 Report (#1) was provided to members. The Board endorsed the appointment of Mayor Krischke as Chair of the Advocacy Committee.

Moved by Councillor Gibbons. Seconded by Mayor Nimmo.

### Approved unanimously.

- b. Implementation Issues
  - i. TREF/REF

The Chair advised that as of August 20, 2009 all TREF applications will also include a non-binding evaluation with reference to the Land Use Plan's Principles and Policies. The TREF criteria will continue to be the legally binding criteria. Applications currently in review process will be evaluated using the TREF criteria only.

- ii. CAO Working Committee Regional Transit Cost Allocation: Update A copy of the August 20, 2009 Report (#1) was provided to members.
- iii. Quarterly Report: April June 2009 A copy of the 2009 Quarterly Report, April 1 – June 30, 2009 was provided to members.

#### 9. Other Business

- a. Traffic Safety Act and Regulation Provincial Response
- b. Train Blockages update

Mayor Fisher requested that municipalities who have not yet submitted the solid waste management survey please do so, or at a minimum complete question 12, and return as soon as possible.

# 10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.