Minutes of a meeting of the Capital Region Board held at Government House, Alberta Room on Thursday, April 2, 2009

Delegates in Attendance:

Mr. Christopher Sheard - Interim Chair
Councillor D. Bruce LeCren - Beaumont
Mayor Lin VanDusen - Bon Accord
Mayor Fred Hawryluk - Bruderheim
Mayor Kirk Popik - Calmar
Mayor Anita Fisher - Devon
Mayor Stephen Mandel - Edmonton
Councillor Ed van Delden - Fort Saskatchewan
Mayor Bill Nimmo – Gibbons
Councillor Don Harsula - Lamont
Reeve Wayne Woldanski - Lamont County
Mayor Greg Krischke - Leduc
Mayor Marvin Molzan - Leduc County
Mayor Albert St. Jean - Legal
Mayor Lloyd Bertschi - Morinville
Councillor Kim Thompson – New Sarepta
Mayor Rob Wiedeman – Parkland County
Mayor Mel Smith - Redwater
Mayor Nolan Crouse - St. Albert
Mayor Stuart Houston - Spruce Grove
Mayor Ken Lemke – Stony Plain
Mayor Cathy Olesen – Strathcona County

Councillor Karen Shaw – Sturgeon County
Mayor Allan Gee - Thorsby
Councillor Art Erickson - Wabamun
Mayor Dawson Kohl - Warburg
Mr. Rob Penny - Government of Alberta

CRB Staff:
Kathleen LeClair, Chief Officer
Andy Haden, Project Manager
Sharon Shuya, Project Manager
Lisa Sederski, Executive Assistant
This meeting was open to the public except for Agenda item 1 – Committee of the Whole.

Session 1 (In-Camera)

Called to order at 9:04 a.m.

1. Committee of the Whole
   a. Presentation – Update on Ring Roads
      Mr. Jim Der from Alberta Transportation gave a progress update on provincial planning for Ring Roads.

   b. Presentation – Bill 19
      Mr. Bob Smith and Mr. Lyle Markovich from Alberta Infrastructure gave a presentation on Bill 19: The Land Assembly Project Area Act. Copies of Bill 19 and a Summary of Draft Amendments to Bill 19 was circulated by Alberta Infrastructure. A copy of the March 2, 2009 News Release along with a Questions and Answers document produced by Alberta Infrastructure were also provided.

   c. Response to Municipal letters
      i. City of Edmonton – rail
         Mayor Mandel presented the City of Edmonton’s concerns with rail crossings. The Capital Region Board administration will work with the City of Edmonton to prepare a letter to Canadian National and Canadian Pacific for CRB review.

      ii. Town of Calmar – letter of support
         Mayor Popik gave an overview of the letter that was previously circulated. The issue of letters of support to the Province from the Capital Region Board on partnerships within the Region was brought up during the discussion with Minister Danyluk in the public session of the meeting. The Minister indicated that the application was approved and a letter of support was not needed.

   d. Solid Waste Management
      Mayor Fisher gave an update on the issue. A briefing and the December 4, 2008 letter from the Chair of the (CRWMAC) were provided.

      **Motion**: That the Capital Region Board Administration work with the Capital Region Waste Minimization Advisory Committee (CRWMAC) to bring back information for consideration by the Board to include solid waste management as a new priority area within the Capital Region Growth Plan.

      **Moved by** Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor Krischke.

      23 in favour, 2 opposed. **Motion approved.**
e. Implementation Issues
   Due to time constraints of the meeting, Mr. Sheard will send an e-mail to CRB members with respect to implementation issues.

Session 2 – Open to the Public

2. Call to Order
   Called to order at 10:54 a.m.

3. Chair’s Opening Remarks
   The Chair welcomed the Honourable Ray Danyluk, Minister of Alberta Municipal Affairs.

4. Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2009
   
   Motion: To accept the minutes of March 19, 2009.

   Moved by Mayor Mandel. Seconded by Mayor Krischke.

   Motion approved unanimously.

5. Capital Region Growth Plan – Presentation to Minister
   On behalf of the members of the Capital Region Board, Mr. Sheard presented a copy of The Capital Region Growth Plan: Growing Forward to Minister Danyluk.

   The Minister congratulated the Board and acknowledged their time, dedication and commitment. He acknowledged the major accomplishment of the Plan and expressed satisfaction at the demonstrated cooperation and collaboration of all members. The Minister advised that regional cooperation and planning is a priority of the Premier and himself.

   The Minister accepted the Plan and advised that the Province would review to ensure that it meets the criteria and requirements set out in the CRB Regulation. The Plan will also be discussed with government colleagues before responding with recommendations and providing direction.

   Two copies of The Capital Region Growth Plan: Growing Forward were provided to each of the CRB members.

6. Other Business
   No other business identified.

7. Adjournment
   Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.