



Minutes of a meeting of  
the Capital Region Board  
held at Chateau Louis, Grand Ballroom  
on Thursday, October 15, 2009

**Delegates in Attendance:**

Mr. Christopher Sheard – Interim Chair  
Mayor Camille Berube – Beaumont  
Mayor Lin VanDusen – Bon Accord  
Mayor Fred Hawryluk – Town of Bruderheim  
Mayor Anita Fisher – Devon  
Mayor Stephen Mandel – Edmonton  
Councillor Don Westman – Fort  
Saskatchewan  
Deputy Mayor Doug Horner – Gibbons  
Mayor Steven Sharun – Lamont  
Reeve Wayne Woldanski – Lamont County  
Alderman Judy Archie – Leduc  
Councillor Vern Siemens – Leduc County  
Mayor Albert St. Jean – Legal

Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – Morinville  
Mayor Carmen Fedirko – New Sarepta  
Mayor Rob Wiedeman – Parkland County  
Councillor Jim Neathway – Redwater  
Councillor Len Bracko – St. Albert  
Mayor Stuart Houston – Spruce Grove  
Mayor Cathy Olesen – Strathcona County  
Mayor Donald Rigney – Sturgeon County  
Mayor Allan Gee – Thorsby  
Councillor Bill Purdy – Wabamun  
Mayor Dawson Kohl – Warburg  
Mr. Ivan Moore – Government of Alberta

**Absent:**

Mayor Kirk Popik – Town of Calmar  
Mayor Ken Lemke – Town of Stony Plain

**CRB Staff:**

Kathleen LeClair, Chief Officer  
Andy Haden, Project Manager  
Sharon Shuya, 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 9 and 10, which were held in-camera.

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

Called to order at 9:04 a.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes of October 1, 2009**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of October 1, 2009.

**Moved by** Mayor Berube. **Seconded by** Mayor Fedirko. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Representations from the Public**

None.

**4. TREF Applications**

None.

**5. Land Use**

a. Allow Growth Outside of Priority Growth Areas

There was general consensus to discuss Item 5aiii prior to Items 5ai and 5aii.

**Motion:** That Items 5ai and 5aii be tabled until Item 5aiii has been discussed.

**Moved by** Mayor Houston. **Seconded by** Mayor Olesen.

24 in favor, 1 opposed. **Motion carried.**

- i. **Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves an additional policy to be added to the Capital Region Land Use Plan in Section 2.2, II. Minimize Regional Footprint, C. Allow Growth Outside Priority Growth Areas:

“(v) In the absence of an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), no conventional Country Residential development shall be permitted within a 1.6 kilometre area of a Priority Growth Area (PGA) and within a 1.6 kilometre area of an urban municipality located outside of a Priority Growth Area (PGA).”

- ii. **Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves an additional policy to be added to the Capital Region Land Use Plan in Section 2.2, II. Minimize Regional Footprint, C. Allow Growth Outside Priority Growth Areas:

“(v) In the absence of an Intermunicipal Development Plan (IDP), no conventional Country Residential development shall be permitted within a 5 kilometre area of a Priority Growth Area (PGA) and within a 1.6 kilometre area of an urban municipality located outside of a Priority Growth Area (PGA).”



After some discussion, the Interim Chair asked the Board if they wished to proceed to a vote on Item 5aiii. No opposition was noted and the Notice of Motion was accepted as a Motion.

- iii. **Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the Policy Statement on Traditional Country Residential development.

**Moved by** Mayor Fisher. **Seconded by** Mayor Mandel. **Motion carried unanimously.**

In light of the approval of Item 5aiii, Mayors Olesen and Houston withdrew their respective Motions (Items 5ai and 5aii). The Interim Chair accepted the withdrawals.

- b. Density Targets

**Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the Density Targets and related definitions for designated Priority Growth Areas (PGAs), designated Cluster Country Residential Areas (CCRAs) and conventional Country Residential development outside of designated PGAs and CCRAs.

Reeve Woldanski put forward a friendly amending Motion, substituting the word “conventional” with “Traditional”.

**Amended Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the Density Targets and related definitions for designated Priority Growth Areas (PGAs), designated Cluster Country Residential Areas (CCRAs) and Traditional Country Residential development outside of designated PGAs and CCRAs.

**Moved by** Mayor Mandel. **Seconded by** Mayor Fisher. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- c. Regional Buffer Areas

**Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the Regional Buffer Area Policies, related definitions and graphic representation of Regional Buffer Areas (Draft #4 as amended on September 24, 2009) as approved by the Land Use Committee on September 24, 2009.

**Moved by** Mayor Mandel. **Seconded by** Mayor Fisher.

Mayor Berube brought forward an alternate Motion, which was circulated to Board members prior to the meeting. This Motion was introduced due to concerns about the Compatibility Buffer (Future Outer Ring Road) conceptual alignment shown on the map.

**Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the deletion of the conceptual alignment of the Future Compatibility Buffer (Future Outer Ring Road) as shown on the graphic representation of Regional Buffer Areas (Draft #4 as amended on September 24, 2009).

The Board emphasized the importance of having input into the location of the ring road and working with the Province, specifically Alberta Transportation, on this issue.



A friendly amendment to the Town of Beaumont's Motion was proposed, to ensure the issue of an outer ring road is considered during the Land Use corridors discussion.

**Amended Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the deletion of the conceptual alignment of the Future Compatibility Buffer (Future Outer Ring Road) as shown on the graphic representation of Regional Buffer Areas (Draft #4 as amended on September 24, 2009) until the matter is further considered by the Land Use Committee and Board as part of the corridors discussion.

**Moved by** Mayor Berube. **Seconded by** Mayor Fisher. **Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board unanimously approved the original Motion (noted on the agenda as Item 5c) as amended per the above Amended Motion to delete the conceptual outer ring road on the graphic representation.

d. Land Supply

After some discussion, the Interim Chair asked the Board if they wished to proceed to a vote on Item 5d. No opposition was noted and the Notice of Motion was accepted as a Motion.

**Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the Land Supply information and policies as approved by the Land Use Committee on October 8, 2009.

**Moved by** Mayor Mandel. **Seconded by** Mayor Olesen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

e. Graphic Representation of PGAs and CCRAs

- i. **Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the recommended graphic representation of Priority Growth Areas and Cluster Country Residential Areas.

It was noted that between the date of the Notice of Motion and today's meeting, there have been changes made at the Land Use Committee to the graphic representation (map) of PGAs and CCRAs. Mayor Mandel advised that the Land Use Committee submitted a Notice of Motion with revised wording on this issue under Item 5eii.

Item 5eii, as noted on the agenda, was accepted as a friendly amending Motion. Reeve Woldanski asked that Lamont County be added to the "Member Municipalities" listed on the map. CRB administration indicated the addition would be made.

- ii. **Amended Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the recommended graphic representation of Priority Growth Areas and Cluster Country Residential Areas (Draft #9 as amended on October 8, 2009) as approved by the Land Use Committee on October 8, 2009.

**Moved by** Mayor Mandel. **Seconded by** Mayor Olesen.

24 in favor, 1 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.

**Motion carried.**



- f. Information Item: Population & Employment Forecast  
CRB administration gave an overview presentation to the Board, and a copy was provided to members.

Councillor Gibbons replaced Mayor Mandel as the City of Edmonton's representative at the table.

## 6. GIS

- a. **Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the creation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) that fully utilizes the resources of GeoDiscover Alberta and is aligned – where possible – to share resources, minimize duplication and reduce overall costs.

Furthermore, that the CRB will ensure alignment of GIS terminology, protocols, methods and standards with those of GeoDiscover Alberta.

Councillor Van De Walle advised that the GIS Committee submitted an Amending Motion (under Item 6b) in order to clarify the original Motion. He withdrew the Motion under Item 6a and the Interim Chair accepted the withdrawal of the Motion.

- b. **Amended Motion:** That the Capital Region Geographic Information Services (CRGIS) utilize and coordinate with GeoDiscover Alberta and be aligned, where possible, with Provincial initiatives to share resources and minimize duplication. Furthermore, that the Capital Region Board will ensure alignment of GIS terminology, protocols, methods and standards with those of GeoDiscover Alberta.

**Moved by** Councillor Van De Walle. **Seconded by** Councillor Neathway. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Prior to the vote, Councillor Van De Walle reminded the Board that there are no funding implications for municipalities with respect to the Amending Motion.

Councillor Wlodarczak replaced Mayor Olesen as Strathcona County's representative at the table.

## 7. Transit Cost Allocation Formula

Ms. Joyce Tustian, Deputy City Manager of the City of Edmonton and Mr. Robyn Singleton, CAO of Strathcona County provided general comments about the Report's recommendations. Board members asked for clarification on a number of issues.

It was noted that the project costs would include both capital and operating; and that service standards will be established by the Regional Transit Committee as part of future planning. Mr. Singleton clarified that 99.67% of the total projected costs are allocated to the 11 largest municipalities. Ms. LeClair advised that the Capital Region Board may have the ability to borrow, as is provided in the CRB Regulation. Board members raised additional concerns with respect to the formula and dollar amounts for individual municipalities. The Interim Chair indicated that a regional transit system will develop on a project by project basis, the costs of which will be less than the cost of implementing a regional system all at once.



The Interim Chair informed members that earlier today, in a CHED radio report, an inaccurate statement was given. The report indicated that municipalities in the Region were being asked to pay for Edmonton's transit. He clarified that member municipalities are being asked to pay for the municipal portion of the Capital Region's transit.

**Notice of Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the CAO Working Committee Recommendations for the Cost Allocation formula for the Municipal Share of regional transit projects.

**Moved by** Councillor Wlodarczak.

Mayor Olesen returned to the table for Strathcona County.

#### **8. Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs – October 31, 2009**

Members were asked to review the Report and provide comments back to Ms. LeClair by Friday, October 16, 2009.

**Motion:** That the Capital Region Board approves the Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs – October 31, 2009 in fulfillment of the requirements contained in the Minister's letter dated June 11, 2009.

**Moved by** Mayor Berube.

Councillor Wlodarczak replaced Mayor Olesen as Strathcona County's representative at the table. Councillor Van De Walle replaced Mayor Bertschi as the Town of Morinville's representative at the table.

#### **9. Committee of the Whole**

##### a. Committee Reports

##### i. Land Use Committee

A copy of the October 1, 2009 Report (#11) was provided to members.

##### ii. Transit Committee

The Transit Committee did not meet therefore there is no report for this item.

##### iii. GIS Committee

A copy of the October 15, 2009 Report was provided to members.

#### **10. Other Business**

##### a. CN/CP Rail – Update

Ms. Kathleen LeClair gave an update with respect to the recent meeting she had with officials from CP Rail.



b. Authorization to liaise with external parties

**Motion:** That the Capital Region Board officially record the appointment of Kathleen LeClair as Chief Officer and Lisa Sederski as Executive Assistant.

Furthermore, to provide Ms. LeClair and Ms. Sederski authority to liaise with appropriate external parties (i.e. Canada Revenue Agency, WCB, banks, auditors) required for the operations of the CRB and to ensure Government compliance requirements are met; and to provide permission to act on behalf of the CRB to access, review and modify business information, as required.

**Moved by** Mayor Rigney. **Seconded by** Councillor Purdy. **Motion carried unanimously.**

c. Outer ring road consultation with Alberta Transportation (added to agenda)

It was noted that Alberta Transportation's planning for an outer ring road directs them to consult with the Capital Region Board. CRB administration is working with Alberta Transportation to schedule meetings with PAG, Land Use Committee and the Board in the fall of 2009.

**11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.