



Minutes of a meeting of
the Capital Region Board
held at Chateau Louis, St. Michael Room
on Thursday, September 23, 2010

Delegates in Attendance:

Christopher Sheard – Interim Chair
Mayor Camille Berube – Beaumont
Mayor Lin VanDusen – Bon Accord
Mayor Anita Fisher – Devon
Councillor Ed Gibbons – Edmonton
Mayor Jim Sheasgreen – Fort Saskatchewan
Mayor William Nimmo – Gibbons
Reeve Wayne Woldanski – Lamont County
Mayor Steven Sharun – Town of Lamont
Mayor Greg Krischke – City of Leduc
Mayor Marvin Molzan – Leduc County

Mayor Albert St. Jean – Legal
Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – Morinville
Mayor Rob Wiedeman – Parkland County
Councillor James Neathway – Redwater
Mayor Nolan Crouse – St. Albert
Alderman Randy Palivoda – Spruce Grove
Councillor Peter Wlodarczak – Strathcona
Mayor Donald Rigney – Sturgeon County
Mayor Allan Gee – Thorsby
Councillor Bill Purdy – Wabamun
Mayor Dawson Kohl – Warburg

Absent:

Mayor Fred Hawryluk – Bruderheim
Mayor Kirk Popik – Calmar

Mayor Ken Lemke – Stony Plain
Mr. Ivan Moore – Government of Alberta

CRB Staff:

Kathleen LeClair, Chief Officer
Andy Haden, Project Manager
Joe McVea, Project Manager
Sharon Shuya, Project Manager
Shari LaPerle, Assistant Project Manager

Brendan Pinches, Intern
Jim Simpson, Special Projects
Lisa Sederski, Executive Assistant
Courtney Andrews, Administrative Assistant



This meeting was open to the public.

1. Chair's opening remarks

Called to order at 9:01 a.m. In light of the dissolution of the Village of New Sarepta, and subsequent change to the number of Capital Region Board participating municipalities, the Interim Chair confirmed that the voting rights of representatives in the CRB Regulation remain unchanged.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2010

It was noted that Mayor Berube's name under item 2 was misspelt. As well, the text of the Notice of Motion under item 6bi was incorrect and should read "That the Capital Region Board approve the Green *TRIP* project list as recommended by the Regional Transit Committee and that a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation providing the regional priorities for their consideration in the approval of Green *TRIP* applications from Capital Region Board participating municipalities." CRB Administration was asked to make the corrections and circulate the revised minutes to the Board immediately following the meeting.

Motion: To accept the minutes of September 9, 2010, as amended.

Moved by Mayor Crouse. **Seconded by** Alderman Palivoda.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. REF Applications

a. REF 2010-017, Leduc County, Proposed East Vistas Local Area Structure Plan

Doug Wright, County Manager, Leduc County gave an overview of the ASP. He advised that not only does the East Vistas ASP meet all requirements of the Capital Region Growth Plan (including density targets, location requirements and transit provisions) it goes beyond the Growth Plan objectives, and principles and policies. Leduc County expressed their commitment to coordinate with neighbouring municipalities to provide services.

A Subcommittee of CAO's was convened on September 16, 2010 to review REF 2010-017. The Subcommittee did not reach unanimous consensus and it was requested that the following concerns be raised to the Board: the East Vistas ASP is premature based on the unfinished growth study between Beaumont and Leduc County; the ASP would limit Beaumont's ability to grow both residentially and commercially; there was some disagreement with the third party evaluation regarding the demonstration of an integrated and strategic approach to planning – integration is lacking when the proposed Land uses within the ASP compete with already established neighbouring communities for the same population pool; and the evaluation identifies a policy in the ASP for the coordination/provision of recreational services between East Vistas and neighbouring municipalities but there has been no discussion on that point to date. The application was considered by some to be a major development that needed to be reviewed at the Board.



Andy Haden gave an overview of the CRB Administration recommendation confirming that the East Vistas ASP is consistent with the Growth Plan. Both of the evaluations from the third party consultants (ISL Engineering and Applications Management Consulting Ltd.) support the recommendation to approve the ASP.

Some members voiced concern that the East Vistas ASP will impact the growth of other municipalities in the Capital Region. Population forecasts were re-run and while it was found that there would be an impact on population and employment distribution in the Region, Applications Management advised that the impact would be minimal.

Concern was expressed that the East Vistas community would rely on the soft services of neighbouring municipalities (i.e. parks and recreation, community centres, libraries, schools and fire, ambulance and protective services). It was pointed out that ASP's provide a general framework for land use, transportation and servicing; they do not typically address details such as soft services. Under the Regulation and Ministerial Order, there is no requirement to evaluate to what extent plans will be implemented nor consider discussions between municipalities on soft services. Concern was also expressed on the current REF evaluation process with respect to whether or not it fully facilitates integrated planning and determining cumulative effects on the Region.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board postpone the decision on REF 2010-017 until after third reading of the Town of Devon and Leduc County IDP, and the City of Leduc and Leduc County IDP.

Moved by Mayor Crouse. **Seconded by** Mayor Berube.

7 in favour, 17 opposed, and opposed by more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion defeated.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the proposed East Vistas Local Area Structure Plan in accordance with the Regional Evaluation Framework.

Moved by Mayor Molzan.

23 in favour, 1 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion carried.

4. **Update on TREF #62 – Sturgeon Valley ASP Amendments, Sturgeon County** (added to agenda)

At the request of Mayor Rigney, this item was added to the agenda. A September 13, 2010 letter with respect to the 127 Street Alignment was provided to members along with a recap of the discussion that took place at the January 14, 2010 Capital Region Board meeting on TREF #62.



The letter indicates that Sturgeon County, the City of Edmonton and the City of St. Albert have reached an agreement to resolve the issues related to the alignment of 127 Street. Mayor Rigney, Councillor Gibbons and Mayor Crouse confirmed their municipalities' support of the letter. The Board accepted the update and considers the matter resolved.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.