



Minutes of a meeting of
the Capital Region Board
held at Chateau Louis, St. Michael Room
on Thursday, May 20, 2010

Delegates in Attendance:

Mayor Cathy Olesen – Vice Interim Chair

Mayor Camille Berube – Beaumont

Mayor Lin VanDusen – Bon Accord

Mayor Fred Hawryluk – Town of Bruderheim

Mayor Kirk Popik – Town of Calmar

Mayor Anita Fisher – Devon

Mayor Stephen Mandel – 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

Councillor Mary-Ann McDonald – Leduc
County

Mayor Lloyd Bertschi – Morinville

Mayor Rob Wiedeman – Parkland County

Councillor James Neathway – Redwater

Mayor Nolan Crouse – St. Albert

Mayor Stuart Houston – Spruce Grove

Councillor Peter Wlodarczak – 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 Albert St. Jean – Legal

Mayor Carmen Fedirko – New Sarepta

Mayor Ken Lemke – Stony Plain

Chris Sheard – Interim Chair

CRB Staff:

Kathleen LeClair, Chief Officer

Andy Haden, Project Manager

Joe McVea, Project Manager

Shari LaPerle, Assistant Project Manager

Brendan Pinches, Intern

Lisa Sederski, Executive Assistant



This meeting was open to the public except for agenda items 9 - 11, and 12.c which were held in-camera.

1. Call to Order and Chair's opening remarks

Called to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2010

Motion: To accept the minutes of April 8, 2010.

Moved by Mayor Rigney.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Representations from the Public

a. Port Alberta Steering Committee

The Vice Interim Chair advised that, at the request of Port Alberta, this presentation was postponed to the July Board meeting.

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

b. North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance

Mr. David Trew, Executive Director, gave a presentation with respect to the Watershed Management Planning for the North Saskatchewan River Basin. Handouts of the presentation, an information brochure on the NSWA and a Summary of the State of the North Saskatchewan River Basin were provided to members.

Mr. Trew advised that the NSWA is seeking input and support from the Capital Region Board as they begin consultations and draft the NSR Integrated Watershed Management Plan. Members were invited to attend the NSWA Annual General Meeting on June 19/10.

4. REF Applications

None.

5. 2010 Business Plan

Kathleen LeClair gave an overview of the Business Plan. The only change from the previous Motion was the Governance Committee approval date.

Amended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the 2010 Business Plan which reflects the Board's workplan and budget as approved by the Governance Committee on May 13, 2010.

Moved by Mayor Olesen.

Motion carried unanimously.



6. 2011-13 Capital Region Board Business Plan

Kathleen LeClair gave an overview of the three year Business Plan. The only change from the original Notice of Motion was the Governance Committee approval date.

Administration was asked to look into what role the Federal government should have in the implementation of the Growth Plan, specifically focusing on programs/funding that might be available. It was also mentioned that open data might be a business model for the GIS Committee to consider.

Amended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approves the 2011-2013 Business Plan as approved by the Governance Committee on May 13, 2010 subject to a review on an annual basis of the Board's activities and budget. Activities will only be undertaken as resources are available to implement the Plan.

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

7. NorQuest College

Mayor Mandel introduced the recommended Motion on behalf of the City of Edmonton. Members of the Board requested that the letter address the uniqueness of the College and be more specific in terms of regional context.

Motion: That the Interim Chair send a letter, on behalf of the Capital Region Board, to the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology in support of funding for the expansion of the main campus of NorQuest College.

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

8. Capital Region Economic Roadmap – update

Joe McVea provided an update on the status. The names of the members for the Steering Committee and the Working Group will be circulated to the Board as soon as they are available.

9. Outer Regional Ring Road

Mayor Fisher gave an overview of Alberta Transportation's Outer Regional Ring Road Study Area map. A handout of the May 14/10 version of the Capital Region Ring Road was provided. The importance of the Integrated Regional Transportation Systems study was noted to inform the decision on the Outer Regional Ring Road.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board endorses the revised AT Outer Regional Ring Road Study Area map (with the inclusion of lands south of Beaumont).



Town of Devon Amending Motion: That CRB Administration prepare a letter from the Interim Chair to the Minister to express the Board's appreciation for his Department's cooperation on the Outer Regional Ring Road consultation, and to communicate the Board's endorsement of the revised AT Study Area map. The letter will also express the Board's concerns about both the lengthy timeframe for AT's detailed planning/analysis and provides the lack of a demonstrated need for the Outer Regional Ring Road. The letter will request that the Minister keep the Board informed with regular updates on the progress of the detailed planning/analysis and a final update at the conclusion of AT's work.

After some discussion, a friendly amendment to the Town of Devon's Amending Motion was proposed.

Amended Motion: That CRB Administration prepare a letter from the Interim Chair to the Minister to express the Board's appreciation for his Department's cooperation on the Outer Regional Ring Road consultation, and to communicate the Board's endorsement of the revised AT Study Area map. The letter will also express the Board's concerns about both the lengthy timeframe for AT's detailed planning/analysis and provides the information that demonstrates the need for the Outer Regional Ring Road. The letter will request that the Minister keep the Board informed with regular updates on the progress of the detailed planning/analysis and a final update at the conclusion of AT's work.

Moved by Mayor Nimmo.

23 in favour, 2 opposed, and supported by more than 75 percent of the population.

Amended Motion carried.

Mayor Crouse withdrew the City of St. Albert's Motion.

City of St. Albert Motion: On behalf of the Capital Region Board, the Interim Chair of the Capital Region Board send a letter to the Minister of Transportation, copying all Capital Region MLA's (which will include the Premier), a letter indicating significant concern with the current "study area" proposed by the Department of Transportation and that the Department of Transportation re-visit the study area with the Board and each municipality's Mayor/Reeve.

Councillor Goerz replaced Mayor Wiedeman as Parkland County's representative.

10. Committee of the Whole

a. Committee Reports

i. Land Use Committee

A copy of the May 20, 2010 Report (#20) was provided to members.

Councillor Krauskopf replaced Mayor Bertschi as the Town of Morinville's representative.

ii. Transit Committee

A copy of the May 20, 2010 Report (#4) was provided to members.



- iii. GIS Committee
 - 1) Terms of Reference for approval
The Board unanimously endorsed the Terms of Reference.

- iv. Governance Committee
 - A copy of the May 20, 2010 Report (#13) was provided to members.
 - 1) Terms of Reference for approval
The Board unanimously endorsed the Terms of Reference.

11. Administrative Issues

- a. CRB meetings – Fall 2010
The Board agreed to add a November 12, 2010 meeting to the schedule.

- b. Legal Opinion – Section 17 of the CRB Regulation

Motion: That the Capital Region Board directs CRB Administration to obtain a legal opinion on the interpretation and implementation of Section 17 of the Capital Region Board Regulation.

Moved by Mayor Fisher.

19 in favour, 6 opposed, however, opposed by more than 75 percent of the population.

Motion failed.

- c. January 1 – March 31, 2010 Unaudited Financial Statements
A handout of the financial statements was provided.

- d. 2010 Budget – April monthly report
A handout of the April report was provided.

- e. Board & Committee Remuneration
Reimbursement for CRB members at conferences, meetings with Ministers and speaking engagements was discussed.

Motion: That the Advocacy Committee make a recommendation to the Governance Committee on the Board Member and Alternate Members Remuneration and Expenses Policy.

Moved by Mayor Crouse.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Other Business (added to agenda)

- a. Industrial Heartland Announcement
Mayor Rigney expressed pleasure on behalf of Alberta's Industrial Heartland Association at the recent announcement made by the Province with respect to a new bitumen refinery project. He advised that upgrading bitumen to high value products in Alberta instead of



shipping raw products elsewhere increases value to Alberta's natural resources, as well as creating benefits in terms of employment, among others. Mayor Rigney thanked members of the Board for their continued efforts with the education of Provincial officials and the public on the Industrial Heartland and the importance of such projects.

b. CRB Staff

Kathleen LeClair introduced Brendan Pinches welcoming him to CRB Administration, and also advised that Nicki Spencer has moved on from her position with the CRB.

c. Aerotropolis Symposium (discussed in-camera)

Mayor Krischke extended an invitation for members to attend the Aerotropolis Symposium on June 23, 2010.

It was mentioned that there is increased interest in the idea of a fast train between Edmonton and Calgary. As this would impact the Edmonton International Airport and the Capital Region, it was suggested that the CRB begin to develop a position on this issue.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 p.m.