



Metropolitan Region Servicing Plan Task Force

Friday, July 12, 2019

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Strathcona County Community Centre, Meeting Room 2
401 Festival Lane, Sherwood Park, AB

Task Force Members:

Ray Ralph, *Town of Devon (Chair)*
Gale Katchur, *City of Fort Saskatchewan*
(Alternate)
Michael Walters, *City of Edmonton (Alternate)*
Tanni Doblanko, *Leduc County*
William Choy, *Town of Stony Plain*
Dave Anderson, *Strathcona County*

Regrets:

Ray Watkins, *City of St. Albert*

Advisory Group Members:

Eleanor Mohammed, *City of Beaumont*
Paresh Dhariya, *Town of Devon*
Barry Belcourt, *City of Edmonton*
Richard Gagnon, *City of Fort Saskatchewan*
Shawn Olson, *City of Leduc*
Brad White, *Town of Morinville*
Trevor Duley, *City of St. Albert*
Kevin Glebe, *Strathcona County*
Travis Peter, *Sturgeon County*

Technical Working Group Members:

Rob Squire, *City of Edmonton*
Leo Girard, *Parkland County*

EMRB Staff:

Karen Wichuk, *CEO*
Sharon Shuya, *Director of Regional Growth*
Planning
Barry Huybens, *MRSP Project Manager*
Dan Rose, *Senior Communications Advisor*
Brandt Denham, *GIS Coordinator*
Carol Moreno, *Project Coordinator*

Guests:

Teaka Broughm, *City of Beaumont*
John Stewart, *City of Beaumont*
Gibby Davis, *City of Edmonton*
David Hales, *City of Edmonton*
Greg Hofmann, *City of Edmonton*
Avril McCalla, *City of Edmonton*
Blair McCalla, *City of Edmonton*
Michelle Kane, *City of Leduc*
Kelly Vandenberghe, *Leduc County*
Julie Vizbar, *Leduc County*
Stephane Labonne, *Town of Morinville*
Brian Botterill, *Strathcona County*
Robert Stephenson, *Strathcona County*
Jennifer Lavallée, *Sturgeon County*
Peter Reeson, *UDI*



1. Opening

1.1 Quorum

Quorum achieved; 6 of 7 voting members present.

1.2 Call to Order

Chair Ralph called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

1.3 Chair Opening Remarks

Chair Ralph welcomed members of the Task Force and regional stakeholders. Opening remarks provided a summary of the progress to date towards the inaugural MRSP and emphasized the importance of a metropolitan mindset moving forward.

2. Approval of Agenda

MRSP19-12

Motion: That the Metropolitan Region Servicing Plan Task Force approve the July 12, 2019 meeting agenda.

Moved by: Mayor Choy

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

MRSP19-13

Motion: That the Metropolitan Region Servicing Plan Task Force approve the May 24, 2019 meeting minutes.

Moved by: Mayor Katchur

Accepted by: Chair

Decision: Carried unanimously

4. Plan of Action for Collaboratives

Mr. Huybens thanked Strathcona County for offering the wonderful meeting facilities and Ms. Moreno, EMRB Project Coordinator, for her coordination of MRSP activities. Mr. Huybens provided the Task Force with an update on the project schedule, scope, and budget. An extension request may be advisable to ensure the Board is able to fully consider a draft and any final MRSP. A schedule extension would not negatively impact the MRSP project budget.

Mr. Huybens reviewed the intended level of detail to be included in the inaugural MRSP. A concern was expressed about the statement that the MRSP will not include at this time “a description of specific metropolitan service efficiencies”. The project team will review this concern along with the implications of policy within the MRSP.

Mr. Huybens reviewed the Task Force unanimous endorsement of the MRSP Principles and the four Collaborative concepts. In addition, the Board's endorsement for the overall direction of the MRSP Principles and four Collaborative concepts was confirmed.

Councillor Walters stepped out of the meeting at 1:30 p.m. and returned at 1:35 p.m.

Mr. Huybens provided an update on progress towards Emergency Management in the MRSP and shared the intended plan to stand up an Emergency Management Technical Working Group. The MRSP Environmental Scan did not specifically address Emergency Management, however the Task Force included this within the service areas.

Next steps were discussed to include a draft MRSP and will be the focus of the next Task Force meeting.

Mr. Huybens facilitated the Task Force through the draft Plans of Action for each Collaborative. Guidance from the Technical Working Groups and the Advisory Group proposed that the Collaboratives be comprised of Subject Matter Experts for each service area. Collaboratives could meet four to six times per year for discussion and information-sharing. Not all of the Collaboratives would necessarily conduct their activities at the same time or at the same pace. Each Collaborative will endeavour to be inclusive of key regional stakeholders, especially non-EMRB municipalities. Mr. Huybens commented that existing organizations would be invited to participate in each Collaborative, where and when appropriate, to reduce potential duplication of effort.

Mr. Girard described a meeting with the Edmonton Region Waste Advisory Committee (ERWAC) as very positive and encouraging of the proposed collaborative approach. Task Force members expressed a concern about duplication of work between the proposed Collaboratives and existing organizations, e.g., ERWAC or North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance.

The Task Force discussed the possible configurations of an MRSP "X" entity to vet recommendations for further work from the Collaboratives and provide an integrated view of metropolitan servicing for the Region. Task Force members shared concerns about the capacity of municipalities and EMRB Administration to resource all four Collaboratives at the same time. CEO Wichuk advised the Task Force projects identified by the Collaboratives would need to be considered by the Board along with existing strategic initiatives underway and available resources.

In reviewing the Plan of Action for a Stormwater Collaborative, Mr. Olson addressed a question around existing design standards and the need for further work at a regional level. He shared that major rainfall event plans are currently based on outdated data and that presenting a consistent approach across the Region, especially as the development community may express concerns to updated standards, would be of great value. The Task Force expressed that the list of actions for Stormwater is too urbanized, suggesting it should better integrate natural assets and subdivision standards.

Break from 2:35 p.m. to 2:53 p.m.



5. Implementation of Collaboratives

Mr. Huybens facilitated the Task Force in a review of the draft Terms of Reference using Solid Waste as an example. The Task Force discussed a variety of considerations for possible mandatory participation but did not reach consensus.

Members discussed the broader implications of the MRSP, its proposed Collaboratives, and the overall direction of EMRB's portfolio of projects. Debate ensued around requiring more detailed, project-level information in order to better comprehend the implementation considerations prior to Board approval or whether it would be premature to estimate resource allocation and timelines prior to having the Collaboratives meet and develop their plans.

6. Next Steps

Based on the feedback from this meeting, Mr. Huybens indicated the Advisory Group would be engaged to address the Task Force input and direction including a quantitative and qualitative resource allocation, schedule, and budget implication for the Solid Waste Collaborative foundation elements of the Plan of Action.

Chair Ralph invited each member to comment on the proposed focus of next MRSP steps and established Task Force consensus. Mr. Huybens confirmed the Task Force's explicit direction not to stand up the Emergency Management Technical Working Group at this time.

Chair Ralph emphasized that the Task Force should not lose sight of the other service areas as the inaugural MRSP should include all eight service areas and take into consideration the valuable work completed to date.

7. Next Meeting

MRSP Task Force
September 6, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
La Cité Francophone, Hall Jean-Louis Dentinger
8627 Rue Marie-Anne Gaboury NW, Edmonton, AB

8. Adjournment

Chair Ralph declared the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Task Force Chair, Ray Ralph