



Minutes of the meeting of
the Capital Region Board
held at Grand Ballroom, Chateau Louis Conference Centre
on Thursday, February 12, 2015

Delegates in Attendance:

Mayor Nolan Crouse – St. Albert/Chair

Mayor Camille Berube – Beaumont

Mayor Randy Boyd – Bon Accord

Mayor Karl Hauch – Bruderheim

Councillor Tanya Hugh – Devon (*alternate*)

Mayor Don Iveson – Edmonton

Mayor Gale Katchur – Fort Saskatchewan

Councillor Amber Harris – Gibbons

Mayor Bill Skinner – Lamont

Reeve Wayne Woldanski – Lamont County

Mayor Greg Krischke – Leduc

Mayor John Whaley – Leduc County

Mayor Ken Baril – Legal

Councillor Stephen Dafoe – Morinville (*alternate*)

Mayor Rodney Shaigec – Parkland County

Mayor Mel Smith – Redwater

Alderman Wayne Rothe – Spruce Grove (*alternate*)

Mayor William Choy – Stony Plain

Mayor Roxanne Carr – Strathcona County

Mayor Tom Flynn – Sturgeon County

Mayor Barry Rasch – Thorsby

Councillor Art Erickson – Wabamun (*alternate*)

Mayor Ralph van Assen – Warburg

Gary Sandberg – Government of Alberta

Absent:

Councillor Anne Donovan – Calmar

CRB Administration:

Malcolm Bruce, CEO

Sharon Shuya, Project Manager

Neal Sarnecki, Project Manager

Loreen Lennon, Communications Manager

Stephanie Chai, Director of Special Projects

Charlene Chauvette, Office Manager

Brandt Denham, GIS Coordinator

Amanda Borman, Executive Assistant

Lisa Saskiw, Administrative Assistant



1. Call to Order

Called to order 9:00 a.m.

2. Chair's Opening Remarks

Chair Crouse welcomed both new CEO Malcolm Bruce and guest Dr. Allan Wallis, a professor from the University of Colorado Denver on a Fulbright scholarship comparing regionalism in Denver, Calgary and the Capital Region. Chair Crouse advised members that the March 12 Board meeting would be delayed by one hour to begin at 10:00 a.m. in order to accommodate member attendance at the AUMA MLA Breakfast that morning. Chair Crouse announced that a letter from Minister McQueen has confirmed approval for CRB's request to align its fiscal year end with the provincial year end – from Dec 31 to March 31.

3. New Chief Executive Officer Introduction

A brief self introduction by Mr. Malcolm Bruce followed by the announcement that he is looking forward to meeting all Board members and CAOs during his introduction tour, taking place over the next several weeks.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor Flynn. Accepted by Chair.

B2015-01

Motion: To approve the Agenda of February 12, 2015, as amended by the addition of Item 10c.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mayor Boyd. Accepted by Chair.

B2015-02

Motion: To approve the Minutes of December 11, 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee

a. Priority "A" Projects 2015-2016 Budget

Moved by Mayor Berube. Accepted by Chair.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approve the Proposed Priority "A" Projects 2015-2016 Budget as recommended by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee.

Mayor Boyd moved an amendment. Amendment accepted by Chair.



Amendment: That the Regional Household Survey be moved to the Priority “B” Projects List and the Public Transit Advocacy Strategy, Specialized Transit-Regional Needs Assessment and the Sub-Regional Housing Plan Model be moved up to the Priority “A” Projects List.

6 in favour, 18 opposed. Not supported by 17 or more municipalities comprising more than 75 percent of the population. **Amendment failed.**

B2015-03

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approve the Proposed Priority “A” Projects 2015-2016 Budget as recommended by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.*

*On the understanding that line item #11 is removed due to the Regional Symposium postponement to 2016 and that the funds will now be included in the unallocated funds line item.

b. Priority “B” Projects Grant Funding

Moved by Mayor Berube. **Accepted by** Chair.

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approve a membership contribution of \$315,000 for the Priority “B” Projects 2015-2016 as recommended by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee.

Mayor Flynn, Sturgeon County, put forward a friendly amendment to include “subject to Provincial matching”. The friendly amendment was accepted.

B2015-04

Motion: That the Capital Region Board approve a membership contribution of \$315,000 for the Priority “B” Projects 2015-2016 as recommended by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee, subject to Provincial matching.

Chair Crouse relinquished the Chair position to CRB Vice-Chair Mayor Berube.

CRB Vice-Chair Mayor Berube, relinquished the Chair position back to Chair Crouse.

17 in favour, 7 opposed. Supported by 17 or more municipalities comprising more than 75 percent of the population. **Motion carried.**

7. St. Albert – Motion – Regional Services Committee

Chair Crouse relinquished the Chair position to CRB Vice-Chair Mayor Berube. Mayor Crouse introduced the item.

Moved by Mayor Crouse. **Accepted by** Vice-Chair.

Motion: That the CEO work with the Regional Services Committee and the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee, to determine if the need exists any longer for the Regional



Services Committee, and if necessary, propose appropriate Board recommendations by August, 2015 in this regard, including any related restructuring recommendations.

Mayor Choy moved an amendment. Amendment accepted by Vice-Chair.

Amendment: That the CEO work with the Board to determine if the need exists any longer for any and all CRB Committees.

Motion withdrawn by Mayor Choy, with consent of the Capital Region Board members.

B2015-05

Motion: That the CEO work with the Regional Services Committee and the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee, to determine if the need exists any longer for the Regional Services Committee, and if necessary, propose appropriate Board recommendations by August, 2015 in this regard, including any related restructuring recommendations.

23 in favour, 1 opposed. Supported by 17 or more municipalities comprising more than 75 percent of the population. **Motion carried.**

8. Administrative Items

a. CEO's Update

Mr. Bruce provided a brief update to the members regarding the Economic Development Initiative and announced the postponement of the Collaborate to Compete: Regional Symposium to 2016.

9. Board Information Requests Update

Mayor Iveson, Edmonton, requested clarification on the completion of IR.2014.16. Members agreed that this matter would be reviewed by the Advocacy & Monitoring Committee.

IR.2015.01

Information Request: Members requested that CRB administration report on whether a position on the *Municipal Government Act* should be taken by the Board.

10. Committee/Task Force Minutes

- a. **Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee** – *draft minutes and Chair update provided*
- b. **Growth Plan Update Task Force** – *draft minutes and Chair update provided*
- c. **Land Use & Planning Committee** – *Chair update provided*
- d. **Advocacy & Monitoring Committee** – *Chair update provided*

11. St. Albert – Notice of Motion – Pay to Participate

Chair Crouse relinquished the Chair position to CRB Vice-Chair Mayor Berube.

Mayor Crouse chose not to present the notice of motion to the Board during the February 12 meeting and stated instead that he would bring the item back to the Board at a later date.

CRB Vice-Chair Mayor Berube, relinquished the Chair position back to Chair Crouse.



12. Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

CRB Chair, Nolan Crouse

CRB CEO, Malcolm Bruce