

Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – 2025 March Board Meeting Update (Verbal) - IGA2025-0332

Recommendation

That the Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) Committee recommend that Council receive this verbal report and distribution for the Corporate Record.

Recent meetings and events:

The Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) meeting was held on Friday 2025 March 14. Mayor Jyoti Gondek represented The City at the meeting. The Board spent most of their time in closed session, focusing on the wind-down process of the CMRB. Upon returning to the public session, the Board unanimously approved the following motions:

- That the Chief Officer liquidate the CMRB's physical assets as discussed in closed session;
- That the Board unconditionally grant the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Dataset and Dashboard Tool to the Bow River Basin Council;
- That the Board assign The City of Calgary to act as trustee of the CMRB's assets, effective May 1, 2025; and
- That the Board authorize delivery of CMRB records to the Government of Alberta to act as the custodian of records, effective May 1, 2025.

As the designated trustee, The City of Calgary will oversee the final wind-down of the CMRB. Responsibilities include assuming bank accounts, approving payments for final liabilities and obligations, signing final cheques, and working with the auditor on the required four-month audit for 2025.

Mayor Gondek brought forward a motion pertaining to the distribution of CMRB's financial assets, and the following motion was carried with a vote of 6-2:

- Motion that the Board direct CMRB Administration to draft a conditional grant agreement outlining:
 - Granting the remaining CMRB financial assets to be held in trust by the City of Calgary;
 - The funds be used for a facilitator and other regional initiatives as determined at the regional table; and
 - That the funds be held in trust until a regional table is established. If no regional table is established by December 31, 2025, that the remaining funds are to be granted to the Calgary Regional Economic Development Initiative (Invest Greater Calgary).

The Board also approved the Indigenous Relations Phase 3: Community Conversations report and the 2024 audited financial statements. Additionally, the Board received information on final meeting protocols. Although this was likely the final CMRB Board meeting, the Board may conduct necessary business by email vote, if need be, before its dissolution on 2025 May 01.

Upcoming meetings and events:

Following the approved motion at the 2025 February 07 CMRB Board meeting, Rocky View County and The City of Calgary will jointly host a meeting with all current CMRB members on 2025 April 17 to discuss an alternate regional approach ("regional table").

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General Manager Debra Hamilton concurs with the information in this verbal update.