

RURAL / URBAN TRANSPORTATION ISSUES
Meeting Minutes
2003 October 16
Calgary Transit Spring Gardens

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1. Calgary Regional Partnership Update

P. Siller advised that Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) Steering Committee has approved \$40,000 for a rural/urban transportation study in 2004. This still has to be ratified by the member municipalities.

The CRP intends to approach each municipality to determine what the transportation issues are. P. Siller suggested that it is important for committee members try to raise awareness of rural/urban transportation issues. It is unclear who will oversee the study – the Calgary Regional Partnership or this Committee.

The partnership has a website: www.calgaryregion.ca

Members of the partnership include:

- Airdrie
- Black Diamond
- Bragg Creek
- Calgary
- Chestermere
- Cochrane
- High River
- MD of Foothills
- MD of Rocky View
- Okotoks
- Redwood Meadows
- Strathmore
- Tsuu T'ina Nation
- Turner Valley

The Committee discussed the potential next steps. Does the Committee want to direct the study, do we want to function as a resource group, or, alternatively, do we want to work collaboratively with the CRP? We also need to find out what the CPR timelines are for the study.

The Alberta Transportation's Barrier Free Advisory Committee has developed a draft report on rural/urban transportation issues. The report will be dealt with at the 2003

October 28 meeting of the Advisory Committee. Once it has been approved a copy will be circulated to this committee. The report identifies many of the issues the committee has already documented as well as some potential solutions.

P. Siller has sent a letter to 35 towns and municipalities indicating that Alberta Municipal Affairs is undertaking a study of the specialized transportation component of the unconditional Municipal Grant Program. The letter included a survey for municipalities to complete. To date, P. Siller has received nine responses. The letter also suggests that municipalities contact their MLAs regarding this issue.

The Committee suggested re-sending the resolution to the municipalities surrounding Calgary asking for their endorsement. It was also suggested that the letters to the various Provincial Ministers as well as an update on the work of the committee be included. P. Siller to get information out by end of October.

2. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on 2003 December 04 at Calgary Transit Spring Gardens Administration Building (928 32 AV NE), Boardroom 104.

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