



LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

TO: Council
DATE: February 8, 2021
FILE: N/A
SUBJECT: Presentation of Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Draft Growth and Servicing Plans

DIVISION: All
APPLICATION: N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is to present the draft Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) Regional Growth and Servicing Plans to Council. The consultants, HRD Calthorpe, will provide an overview of the draft plans and answer questions from Council.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the presentation be received for information in accordance with Option #1.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

The CMRB came into force on January 1, 2018, (Section 708 of the *Municipal Government Act*) and is intended to provide for integrated and strategic growth in the Calgary region. Member municipalities include Airdrie, Calgary, Chestermere, Cochrane, Foothills County, High River, Okotoks, Rocky View County, Strathmore, and Wheatland County.

The CMRB is required, by legislation, to create a Regional Growth and Servicing Plan that will guide growth and development in the Region. The CMRB Growth and Servicing Plan must address certain requirements, as outlined in the *Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Regulation*. The member municipalities are required to comply with the Regional Growth Plan. All statutory planning documents, including Municipal Development Plans and Area Structure Plans, must comply and be approved by the CMRB.

The CMRB hired HDR-Calthorpe to prepare the Growth and Servicing Plans. Over the past 18 months, HDR-Calthorpe produced three scenarios and engaged in two rounds of public consultation before producing a synthesis scenario to provide an overarching framework and vision for the Growth and Servicing Plans. CMRB members, both elected officials and administration, have participated throughout the process in a series of workshops, Technical Advisory Committee (TAG) meetings, Board meetings, and Committee meetings. Since November 2020, HDR-Calthorpe and CMRB member municipalities have provided input into negotiating and drafting policy for the CMRB Growth and Servicing Plans.

The CMRB Growth and Servicing Plans are due to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on March 1, 2021. If the Minister approves the Growth and Servicing Plans, member municipalities must comply with them when drafting future statutory plans. The draft Growth and Servicing Plans will be released on February 5, 2021, and will be circulated to Council when received. HDR-Calthorpe will be presenting this plan to member municipality Councils over the next two weeks. The CMRB Board will be asked to make final decisions and approve the Growth and Servicing Plans at the February 19 and February 26 meetings. There is no additional public consultation being proposed for this process.

Administration Resources

Ben Manshanden, Legislative Services

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no budget implications at this time.

OPTIONS:

Option #1 THAT the presentation from HDR-Calthorpe on the CMRB Regional Growth and Servicing Plans be received for information.

Option #2 THAT alternative direction be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurrence,

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