



COUNCIL REPORT

Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan Visioning Committee Recommendations Report

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REPORT SUMMARY

This report presents the findings of the Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan (ASP) Visioning Committee, providing a summary of the Committee's work and recommendations to guide the preparation of the Area Structure Plan amendments for Council's consideration. The Committee Chair's full report is set out within Attachment A.

This report also presents amendments to the project Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan Terms of Reference (TOR) to reflect Ministerial Order MSD:017/25, which rescinds the Province's approval of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board's (CMRB) Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) and Growth Plan (Attachment B).

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives for information the Bragg Creek Visioning Committee Final Report as presented in Attachment A.

THAT Council amends the Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan Hamlet Review Terms of Reference as presented in Attachment B.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Bragg Creek Visioning Committee is to provide recommendations on the direction of the Bragg Creek Area Structure Plan (ASP). The Visioning Committee convened from June to September 2024 with the objective of setting a high-level vision for the Hamlet Growth Area. The Committee's mandate also included an option to recommend appropriate engagement measures for the next phases of the project. Clause 58(4) of the project TOR stipulates that a final report outlining the recommendations of the Committee shall be provided to Council. Accordingly, the Committee has prepared a final report to summarize its discussions into a cohesive vision for the community.

ANALYSIS

Vision Report

Overall, the report identifies key characteristics and core values of the Bragg Creek community.

- a) Firstly, the work undertaken by the Visioning Committee identified the importance of sustainable growth and planning. This involves recognizing the constraints of the natural landscape and locating intensification in appropriate locations.
 - i. It further includes actively protecting and enhancing ecological services, wildlife corridors, and natural linkages.
- b) Development will optimize the use of land, providing diverse housing options and consideration of natural constraints.

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- c) The overall vision of a “destination economy” will also prioritize environmental stewardship when considering economic activities.
- d) Furthermore, community amenities have been recognized as a crucial facet of the overall vision, including the planning of recreational, artistic, and social opportunities and facilities.
- e) Finally, safe and efficient transportation, including active transportation, was identified as a priority.

The ASP will integrate the above ideas to present a cohesive vision for future development in the Bragg Creek community.

The recommendations made in the report will inform further research undertaken as part of the ASP review process. The vision statements in the report will guide the future land use strategy and policies within the ASP, particularly with respect to development form and density. In essence, the vision statements will provide guidance on the type, location, and intensity of both housing and economic growth in the ASP area, delivering on the community’s vision for the hamlet.

Terms of Reference Update

When the TOR was originally approved, it incorporated consideration of the CMRB’s process and Growth Plan policies into its objectives and project timeline. These processes and the Growth Plan are now no longer in place. As such, references to the CMRB, Growth Plan, and the REF process have been removed throughout the amended TOR, and the project schedule has been updated accordingly.

COMMUNICATIONS / ENGAGEMENT

No communication or engagement is required as a result of the amendments to the TOR or the Visioning Committee final report. The visioning committee final report is the product of public engagement efforts with community stakeholders and aims to provide a holistic representation of engagement outcomes. The vision document will guide the upcoming public engagement in future phases of the project, as set out within the terms of reference.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

There are no financial implications.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Key Performance Indicators			Strategic Alignment
Effective Service Delivery	SD3: Citizens are satisfied with Public Engagement opportunities and availability of information	SD3.2: Citizens satisfied with the public engagement opportunities provided by the County	The Vision Report summarizes a significant public engagement endeavor and its findings.
Thoughtful Growth	TG1: Clearly defining land use policies and objectives for the County –including types, growth rates, locations, and servicing strategies	TG1.2: Complete Area Structure Plans (ASPs) in alignment with the Regional Growth Plan and Council priorities	The findings of the Vision Report will support the creation of land use policies for the ASP.

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ALTERNATE DIRECTION

Administration does not have an alternate direction for Council's consideration.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: Bragg Creek Visioning Committee Final Report
- Attachment B: Updated Terms of Reference (Amendments Redlined)

APPROVALS

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