



## LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

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**TO:** Council  
**DATE:** May 17, 2021  
**FILE:** N/A  
**SUBJECT:** Presentation of Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Draft Growth and Servicing Plans

**DIVISION:** All  
**APPLICATION:** N/A

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this item is to present the draft Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) Regional Growth and Servicing Plans to Council (Attachment 'A'). CMRB Administration and the consultants, HDR-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:

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 Plan (Attachment 'B') and Regional Servicing Plan (Attachment 'C') 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 future statutory planning documents, including Municipal Development Plans and Area Structure Plans, must comply and be approved by the CMRB.

The CMRB hired HDR Calthorpe (HDRC) to develop the Regional Growth and Servicing Plans. HDRC brought regional planning experience with an urban design focus to the planning process. HDRC 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 Group (TAG) meetings, Board meetings, and Committee meetings. Since November 2020, CMRB member municipalities have provided input into negotiating and drafting policy for the CMRB Growth and Servicing Plans. A third round of public engagement on the draft Growth Plan was conducted in March and April 2021.

The CMRB Regional Growth and Servicing Plans are due to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on June 1, 2021. If the Minister approves the Growth and Servicing Plans, member municipalities must comply with them when drafting future statutory plans. The Minister may revise the Plans during the review period. The draft Growth and Servicing Plans are attached. HDRC will be presenting this plan to all CMRB 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 May 21 and May 28 Board meetings.

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### 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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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment ‘A’ – HDR-Calthorpe Presentation Slides

Attachment ‘B’ – Draft CMRB Regional Growth Plan

Attachment ‘C’ – Draft CMRB Regional Servicing Plan