Proposed Calgary–Chestermere Interface Intermunicipal Development Plan
Summary

The proposed Calgary–Chestermere Interface Intermunicipal Development Plan (The Plan) was jointly developed by The City of Calgary (Calgary) and the City of Chestermere (Chestermere). The Plan provides a long-term common vision and framework for development of lands along Range Road 284/116 Street/Conrich Road, the Interface Street, which is the shared boundary between the two municipalities. The Plan is being considered by Calgary and Chestermere councils.

The approval process for The Plan started on 2020 January 21, when Chestermere Council provided first reading to Bylaw 001-20 for The Plan. On 2020 February 24 Calgary Council held a Public Hearing and gave first reading to Bylaw 13P2020 for The Plan. Various stakeholders attended the public hearing; two spoke in support of The Plan, and no one spoke in opposition. On 2020 March 03 Chestermere Council held a public hearing and gave second reading to Bylaw 001-20 for The Plan. Various stakeholders attended the public hearing, but no one spoke in favor or in opposition of The Plan. After the public hearing, minor amendments to correct a typographical error was introduced and approved by Calgary Council on 2020 Feb 24; those same amendments were introduced and approved by Chestermere Council when they gave second reading on 2020 March 03.

Following the requirements of the Interim Regional Evaluation Framework (IREF), Calgary Council withheld second and third readings and Chestermere Council withheld third reading until the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) approves The Plan. On 2020 March 27 Calgary and Chestermere jointly prepared and submitted all required documents to the CMRB for their review and approval. The Plan submitted included the minor amendments approved by both councils during the public hearings.

After the third-party review was completed and within the 25 working days timeline, on 2020 April 17 the CMRB recommended approval of IREF Application #2020-05. As per the CMRB’s IREF administrative procedure, the IREF application was circulated to all Board Member Municipalities whom had 28 days to review and provide written response outlining whether they want to challenge or support the CMRB recommendation. The circulation period ended on 2020 May 15, and the CMRB recommendation was supported by Board Member Municipalities. On 2020 May 19, the CMRB granted approval to The Plan.

During the approval process for The Plan, there had been two important updates to Intermunicipal Committees. On 2020 February 28 and 2020 May 15, administrations provided joint updates to the Calgary/Chestermere Intermunicipal Committee. During the 2020 May 15 update, the leads shared the project’s lessons learned. On 2020 May 01, administrations provided a joint update to the Calgary/Rocky View County Intermunicipal Committee. All updates were received for information and IMC members commended the collaborative work done by Calgary and Chestermere.

As councils’ directions have been fulfilled, The Plan may now proceed to the 2020 June 15 Calgary Council for second and third readings, and to the 2020 June 16 Chestermere Council for third reading.