

BRIEFING

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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board - October 2020 Governance Committee Meeting Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of the briefing is to update the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the work of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Governance Committee, which met on 2020 October 22.

Councillor Chahal represented The City of Calgary at the meeting.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Committee supported the Q1 and Q2 2020 actuals and a new policy recommended for Board approval titled "*Policy on External Stakeholder Participation in CMRB Initiatives*".

The Committee past the following Calgary motions relating to the Draft 2021 Budget:

- The 2021 Budget be sent back to CMRB Administration to develop a multi-year forecast in order to have a better understanding of the longer-term impacts to the reserve funds and the anticipated reduction in Provincial funding.
- Develop guidance or principles on how to use the reserve fund.

In the long standing matter of establishing an appeal or dispute resolution mechanism, the Committee received information on CMRB Administrative proposal to establish an expert independent appeal body to consider appeals. Calgary's representative encouraged the Committee to consider the value of consensus seeking and the role of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. The Committee agreed that the only Board decisions that should be appealable are those relating to Interim Regional Evaluation Framework (IREF)/ Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) decisions.

The Governance Committee authorized CMRB Administration to explore:

- The creation of a pool of knowledgeable experts to hear appeals of CMRB Decisions.
- The option of a mediated solution, and report back to the December 2020 meeting of the Governance Committee.