

# BRIEFING

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Deputy City Manager's Office Briefing to  
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee  
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## Calgary Metropolitan Region Board - September 2020 Board Meeting Update

### PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of the briefing is to update Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the work of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) from their meeting on 2020 September 18. The Mayor and Councillor Carra shared the duty of representing The City at the meeting.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The following is an overview of the meeting:

- Mayor Genung of Cochrane provided an update to the Board on the process to recruit a new Board Chair. The CMRB has hired recruitment firm Leaders International to conduct a search. During the Board meeting, it was suggested that the Board Chair Recruitment Sub-committee would be convened about a week after the Board meeting. It is expected that the new Chair would begin work in 2021.
- Mayor Nenshi and Councillor Carra raised The City's concern regarding potential changes to Calgary's Emergency Medical System (EMS) dispatch being proposed by the Province. Foothills County and other municipalities echoed concerns regarding these changes. The Board approved an approach in which The City, Foothills County and the CMRB would draft a letter expressing concerns with the proposed changes to EMS dispatch. The letter was distributed to the Board for approval through an online vote. The vote was successful and the letter was submitted to the Minister of Health, Tyler Shandro. The Minister of Municipal Affairs, Tracy Allard, was carbon copied.
- The Board Chair and Chief Officer provided an update on working with the new Minister of Municipal Affairs. Both the Chair and Chief Officer were scheduled to meet with the Minister at the end of September. The Minister will be invited to a Board meeting.
- The Board received an update from HDR | Calthorpe on the progress of the Growth and Servicing Plans. Councillor Carra raised the issue that there should be more engagement of the Technical Advisory Group as the Growth and Servicing Plans progress.
- The Board approved the *Workshop 3: What We Heard Summary*.
- The Board accepted for information an update on the public engagement.
- The Board approved funding for the CMRB to offer an Indigenous awareness workshop for elected officials.
- The Board asked CMRB Administration to explore options to begin to meet in person. Mayor Nenshi offered the use of Calgary Council Chambers. In person meetings may commence as soon as November.