

BRIEFING

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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board - November 2020 Governance Committee Meeting Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of the briefing is to update Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the work of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Governance Committee from their meeting on 2020 November 26. Due to budget deliberations, Councillor Chahal was unable to attend; however, Administration observed the meeting.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Committee supported bringing the proposed multiyear budget (including forward to 2023) to the Board for approval. The budget assumes a significant draw down on the reserve fund. This draw down is necessary without drastic changes to expenditures or securing other sources of revenue such as a membership requisition.

The Committee also reviewed the possible principles for a Reserve Funds Policy has been drafted. CMRB investigated and report that best practise would be to maintain a reserve fund to cover financial obligations in event of disruption. Feedback from the Committee was received and a revised version will be considered at a future Governance Committee meeting.

The Committee authorized the Chief Officer to restart work on developing a fair and equitable membership funding framework for the CMRB to be finalized no later than December 2021. The purpose of the framework would be to provide for member contributions towards the operation of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board.

Mayor Marshall Chalmers (City of Chestermere) was elected as Vice Chair. The election of a new Vice Chair was required due to the passing of Foothills County Councillor Larry Spilak.

The Committee directed CMRB Administration to move forward with maintaining and publically posting recordings of meetings.

The Committee approved a motion to extend Chair Sheard's contract to 2021 March 1, if required. It was indicated that a new Chair may be appointed before the end of the year. Some overlap to facilitate smooth transition may be desirable.

The Committee authorized Administration to continue work on a dispute resolution mechanism.