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Deputy City Manager's Office Briefing to
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – December 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 December 18. The Mayor represented The City for the first half of the meeting and Councillor Carra the second half.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- In closed session, the Board discussed and voted on the next Board Chair. It was revealed on 2021 January 7 by Jeff Genung, Vice Chair of the CMRB and Mayor of Cochrane, that Greg Clark has accepted the offer to be the next Board Chair. He will assume the role of the Board Chair on 2021 March 1, though he will be working with the CMRB Chair and administration, as well as Board members to ensure he is fully prepared to officially act as Chair in March.
- The Board received for information an update on the Growth and Servicing Plan from the consultant. Mayor Nenshi suggested that 2021 February 26 be confirmed as a meeting date of the Board to ensure adequate time for discussion on the Growth and Servicing Plans before a Board vote. This was supported.
- CMRB Administration presented a multi-year budget from 2021 to 2023. The budget for 2021 was approved and the budget for 2022 to 2023 was accepted for information.
- The Board discussed the transition from the Interim Regional Evaluation Framework to the updated Regional Evaluation Framework that will accompany the Growth Plan. The CMRB sought a legal opinion, which stated that the Interim Regional Evaluation Framework is in effect until the Minister of Municipal Affairs approves the Growth Plan through a Ministerial Order.
- The CMRB Administration brought forward a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs in which she stressed “how important it is that municipalities work together to find efficient ways to deliver key services, including recreation”. The Minister requested responses from either the CMRB or its members by 2021 January 15. CMRB Administration recommended that individual member municipalities submit responses to the Minister individually. This was accepted for information.
- The Board voted to post recorded meetings of the Board and its committees beginning on 2021 March 20.
- The Board discussed the potential for resuming in-person meetings and agreed to delay and revisit this topic at a later date.
- Mayor Brown of Airdrie raised concerns regarding the timeline to complete the Growth and Servicing Plans. During the Board discussion, some members explained concerns and challenges with the process to complete the Plans. Cllr. Carra expressed the value of continuing to advance the work on the Growth and Servicing Plans within the time allotted by the Minister. It was suggested that the CMRB submit a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting an extension. Dale Beesley from the Province indicated that

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a request for an extension would not likely be successful and that the Board should work to complete the requirements of the CMRB Regulation.

- Assistant Deputy Minister Dale Beesley provided a COVID-19 update from the Province on the COVID Care Team and offer of hotel space for some people with COVID who are not able to isolate.