

# BRIEFING

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## Calgary Metropolitan Region Board - December 2020 Governance Committee Meeting Update

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### PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of this briefing is to update the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the work of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Governance Committee from their meeting on 2020 December 17. Cllr. Chahal represented The City of Calgary at this online meeting.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Committee reviewed the proposed Reserve Funds Policy and recommended it be brought to the Board for approval. The proposed policy is intended to ensure that the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) retains enough reserves in its accounts to fund core operating expenses for a six-month period. The reserve will be six months of the average of budgeted core operating expenses for the current fiscal year and the upcoming fiscal year. This figure will be reported in budget documents for review by the Governance Committee and approval by the Board.

The Committee reviewed and provided feedback on the proposed dispute resolution framework with separate processes for Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) decisions and all non-REF decisions of the Board. There were a wide range of opinions on the best processes for dealing with disputes. Some members of the CMRB continue to support a role for the Municipal Government Board whose current role includes intermunicipal disputes. CMRB Administration will consider the feedback and undertake further work on dispute resolution. These items are expected to proceed to the Board for decision in February.

Lastly, the Committee considered the proposed wording of the Treaty 7 Territory Land Acknowledgement. Since 2018, the CMRB has been working on building relationships with Indigenous communities within (and adjacent) to the geographic boundaries of the Calgary Metropolitan Region. Acknowledging the land is an important part of reconciliation. As the CMRB Indigenous engagement efforts continue to advance there was interest in discussing the possibility of adding an Acknowledgement of Treaty 7 Territory Lands at the opening of CMRB Board and Committee meetings. Administration brought forward a proposed land acknowledgement for the Committee to consider. The Committee provided feedback to Administration and requested that the proposed wording be provided to the named groups prior to going to the Board for a decision.

The next meeting of the Governance Committee will be held 2021 February 5.