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Deputy City Manager's Office Briefing to
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – February 2021 Board 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 Board (CMRB) from their meeting on 2021 February 26, which was extended to 2021 March 4. For both meetings, Mayor Nenshi represented The City for the majority of the meeting, and Councillor Carra represented The City when the Mayor was required to attend an alternative meeting.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Update from the 2021 February 26 Board meeting:

- The Assistant Deputy Minister in Municipal Affairs, Dale Beesley, provided a COVID-19 update from the Province.
- HDR | Calthorpe provided an explanation of changes to the Growth Plan and identified some of the outstanding issues that must be resolved. During this agenda item, CMRB Administration presented an approach for the Board to address outstanding concerns, which were listed. Multiple municipalities, including The City of Calgary, indicated that they had issues that they would like to add to the list of issues to be managed. The Board accepted the process for information.
- The Board discussed the use of the current draft of the Growth Plan to support the third phase of public engagement. Wheatland County put forward a motion requiring that public engagement also take place on the Regional Evaluation Framework and the Servicing Plan. This motion failed. The Board supported that the draft Growth Plan be discussed at the Technical Advisory Committee one more time before being used for public engagement, and that a draft Regional Evaluation Framework be circulated for feedback.
- The Board received an update on the phase 3 public engagement process and voted to adjust the timeframe for public engagement to occur between 2021 March 18 and 2021 April 8.
- The February 26 meeting went beyond its scheduled time. Consequently, four agenda items were deferred until a newly scheduled Board meeting on 2021 March 4.

Update from the 2021 March 4 Board meeting:

- Foothills County brought forward a motion such that: "CMRB member municipalities calculate their in-kind contributions provided in 2020 and January 2021 (13 months) towards the development of the Growth & Servicing plans and the Regional Evaluation Framework. Member municipalities are to provide this calculation to CMRB administration for distribution to all CMRB members." After discussing the opportunities and challenges of this motion, it was not approved by the Board.
- The Board had an in-camera discussion on the contract with HDR | Calthorpe. The Board accepted for information the update on the HDR | Calthorpe delivery of contracted services.

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- The Board voted to support Q4 2020 actuals.
- During the roundtable discussion, Board members inquired about the status of the provincial funding since the announcement of the recent provincial budget. CMRB staff indicated that provincial funding to the CMRB was not being adjusted. Other roundtable discussion items included changes to Disaster Recovery Program funding, Bill 52 (elected official recall), EMS dispatch updates and the desire to declare March 21 as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Board Vision Process

- CMRB administration organized two workshops for Board members to complete its vision. On March 4, Board members participated in the first workshop. The second workshop is scheduled to take place on March 19. Both sessions were in camera.