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Deputy City Manager's Office Briefing to  
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee  
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## Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – April and May 2021 Board Meeting Updates

### 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 April 23 and May 6. The Mayor represented The City at both meetings.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### *Summary of April 23 Meeting*

The Board discussed human resources and intergovernmental relationships in closed session.

The Board approved the audited financial statements.

CMRB Administration guided the Board through a series of outstanding matters related to the Growth Plan. The Board was asked to vote on each matter. The Board completed discussions on three matters and deferred one item to the Technical Advisory Group (i.e., regional administration). Discussion on two outstanding matters of concern was not completed and deferred to the next Board meeting on May 6.

As there was not sufficient time to complete the meeting agenda, a number of additional agenda items were also deferred to the next Board meeting on May 6. Agenda items include a discussion on the Servicing Plan, an update on the Phase 3 Public Engagement process and a COVID update from the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs.

#### *Summary of May 6 Meeting*

The Assistant Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Dale Beesley, indicated to the Board that with regard to the Growth and Servicing Plans, key priorities for the Minister are efficient servicing and coordinated land use planning. A comprehensive cross-ministry review process will be undertaken to aid in the Minister's decision on the Growth and Servicing Plans. A decision from the Minister is expected in fall 2021 after the municipal elections.

The Board discussed the approach to manage the review of statutory plans between the time when the Board and the Minister of Municipal Affairs approves the Growth Plan. Though all relevant plans must be reviewed against the Interim Growth Plan, the Municipal Government Act gives the Board the authority to establish a date by which all member municipalities must ensure their statutory plans and bylaws conform with the Growth Plan. After debating a number of options, the Board voted to support Option B:

“Statutory Plans and Statutory Plan amendments adopted between June 1, 2021 and when the Minister of Municipal Affairs approves the Growth Plan through a Ministerial Order must align to the Growth Plan by June 1, 2022 (or date established by the Board). This would include ASPs and ARPs approved after June 1, 2021.”

The Board discussed the newly created Board vision. Foothills County raised concerns regarding some of the wording in the vision. Instead of voting to approve the vision, the Board moved to accept the vision for information and bring the vision to the Board at a subsequent meeting to make a decision.

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The Board approved the Phase 3 Engagement Summary.

CMRB Administration guided the Board through a series of Growth Plan policy matters. The Board was asked to vote on each matter. The Board completed discussions on some matters and deferred others to the Technical Advisory Group (i.e., regional administration). Much discussion centred on the creation and supporting policy for local employment in rural municipalities and the addition of an Employment Area to the Harmony Hamlet Growth Area.