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**Deputy City Manager's Office Briefing to
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – May 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 meetings on May 14, May 21 and 2021 May 28. The Mayor represented The City at all meetings.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Summary of the 2021 May 14 Board Meeting

The Board approved the Growth Plan Modelling Appendix. The appendix describes the modelling process to inform the scenario analysis and the ultimate preferred growth scenario.

The Board made decisions on a number of Growth Plan policies. Of note, the Board approved a policy to require the Board to build relationships with its First Nations neighbours, a definition for Regional Significant, and the ability of Foothills County to determine the locations of its three Hamlet Growth Areas without Board approval. The Board did not approve criteria for Small Employment Areas, and the ability to accommodate additional growth in existing Area Redevelopment Plans and Area Structure Plans outside of Preferred Growth Areas.

The Servicing Plan and Regional Evaluation Framework were discussed by the Board. However, the Board accepted them for information and deferred a decision on the documents until all member municipalities had the opportunity to discuss the documents at their municipal councils.

The Board approved the Dispute Resolution and Appeal Bylaw.

The Board voted to support a proposal from CMRB Administration on economic development workshops. Hatch, a consulting expert in economic development, will facilitate three workshops, which will take place during Board meetings in June, July and September.

The Board participated in a closed session discussion on the 2021 goals of the Chair and Chief Officer.

Summary of the 2021 May 21 Board Meeting

The Board approved the CMRB Regional Vision and CMRB Corporate Vision.

The Board deliberated on a series of policies on country residential development. After a number of minor amendments, the Board voted eight to two with The City and Cochrane in opposition to the country residential development.

The City of Calgary made a motion to reintegrate recreation policies that were approved by the Board in June 2020 into the Growth Plan. The motion passed.

The Board approved the Growth Plan, Servicing Plan and Regional Evaluation Framework (REF). Each vote was seven to three with the rural municipalities in opposition.

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CMRB Administration will finalize the Growth and Servicing Plans and the REF, and submit to the Minister of Municipal Affairs for approval. The Assistant Deputy Minister told the Board during the May 6 Board meeting that he expects the Minister to make a decision after municipal elections in the fall.

The Board approved a draft letter on the Code of Practice for Composting Facilities. The letter will be submitted by the Chair of the Board to the Waste Policy Section of Alberta Environment and Parks.

The Board meeting on 2021 May 28 was cancelled.