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Planning and Development Services Briefing to

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

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## Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – April 2023 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 Board meeting on 2023 April 28 and Economic Development Workshops held on 2023 April 13 and April 28. Mayor Jyoti Gondek represented The City at the 2023 April 13 Economic Development Workshop. Councillor Peter Demong represented The City at the Board meeting and Economic Development Workshop held on 2023 April 28.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

#### *Summary of the April 28 Board Meeting*

The Board discussed a motion pertaining to the imminent need for an interim member funding model to be in place for 2024. The need has arisen from The Province reducing the Alberta Community Partnership grant funding for CMRB from \$2 million in 2019 to \$1 million in 2022/2023. The proposed motion contained two parts. The first part, which provides direction for CMRB Administration to advocate to the Provincial government to increase the ongoing investment in the CMRB, was carried unanimously. The second part proposed that a population-based funding model be adopted in 2024 with further direction for CMRB Administration to explore other funding models to determine if a more appropriate model exists for future years. After discussing the second part of the motion, a few friendly amendments were brought forward; however, some Board members expressed their opposition to supporting any member funding models at this time. Ultimately, a new motion to postpone the decision on member funding models until the next Board meeting scheduled for 2023 June 23 was carried with seven members voting in support and one member voting in opposition.

The Board approved the 2022 Audited Financial Statements.

The Board approved amendments to the Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) Interpretation Guide.

#### *Summary of the Economic Development Workshops*

The consultant, MNP LLP, brought on to develop a regional economic development vision and framework held the Economic Development Workshops on 2023 April 13 and April 28. Regional Economic Development is one of the five strategic initiatives of the Board.

The objective of the first workshop was to determine a purpose statement for the regional economic development collaborations.

The objective of the second workshop was to further refine the proposed purpose statement and review objectives to aid in determining scope of the regional economic development framework.

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The consultant will reconvene with the working group to go over feedback from the workshops as further work is required before the purpose statement and objectives can be finalized and forwarded to the Board for approval.