

AMENDMENTS TO THE CALGARY METROPOLITAN PLAN RESULTING FROM PROVINCIAL MEDIATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In early 2013, The Minister of Municipal Affairs requested that The City of Calgary participate in a mediation process to resolve outstanding concerns regarding the Calgary Metropolitan Plan. Mediation participants included representatives from The City, Calgary Regional Partnership, County of Rocky View and M.D. of Foothills. At the conclusion of the mediation, a final report documenting proposed amendments to the Calgary Metropolitan Plan including areas of mediation consensus and non-consensus was submitted to the Minister. The Minister of Municipal Affairs formally responded to this report in a letter in 2014 March and encouraged the Calgary Regional Partnership to move forward with implementing the results of the mediation. The Calgary Regional Partnership will vote on the proposed Calgary Metropolitan Plan amendments on 2014 May 15. The proposed amendments are in alignment with the mediation final report and with The City's interests.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council support the proposed amendments to the Calgary Metropolitan Plan and direct City Council representatives to the Calgary Regional Partnership Board of Directors (CRP Board) to vote in favour of the proposed Calgary Metropolitan Plan amendments at the next meeting of the Calgary Regional Partnership Board.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

At the 2013 July 22 Combined Meeting of Council as an urgent in-camera verbal report, moved by Alderman Lowe, Seconded by Alderman Stevenson, that with respect to the Report Calgary Regional Partnership Update (Verbal), VR2013-0070, the following be adopted:

1. That Council adopt the Administration Recommendations contained in the confidential presentation; and
2. That the In-Camera discussion, presentation and distribution with respect to VR2013-0070 remain confidential pursuant to Sections 21 and 24(1)(b) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, until the matter has been resolved.

At the 2013 March 18 Meeting of Council, Report C2013-0321 was considered as an item of urgent in-camera business. It was moved by Alderman Stevenson, Seconded by Alderman Colley-Urquhart, that the Administration Recommendations contained in Report C2013-0321 be adopted, as follows:

1. Select Mayor Nenshi and City Manager, Owen Tobert, as the representatives on the Mediation Working Group, and direct Administration to apprise the Calgary Regional Partnership and the Province;
2. Direct Administration to report back to Council on 2013 April 08 with a comprehensive negotiation strategy to be used by The City's mediation representatives in advancing Calgary's interests in negotiations;

AMENDMENTS TO THE CALGARY METROPOLITAN PLAN RESULTING FROM PROVINCIAL MEDIATION

3. Direct Administration to report to Council as mediation progresses on all pivotal issues, and to receive Council direction on all proposed changes to the Calgary Metropolitan Plan considered in the mediation process; and
4. Direct that the Report, attachments, in camera presentation, and the discussions remain confidential under Sections 23(1)(b), and 24(1)(a) & (c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* until this matter is resolved.

BACKGROUND

Since the adoption of the Calgary Metropolitan Plan by the Calgary Regional Partnership in 2009, the status of the plan has been uncertain. Although anticipated; formal provincial legislation of the plan has not occurred. In 2013 January the Minister of Municipal Affairs requested that The City of Calgary participate with the Calgary Regional Partnership, County of Rocky View and M.D. of Foothills No. 31 in a mediation process to resolve outstanding concerns regarding the Calgary Metropolitan Plan. In 2013 July, a report documenting proposed amendments to the Calgary Metropolitan Plan including areas of mediation consensus and non-consensus was submitted to the Minister (Attachment 1). The Minister of Municipal affairs responded to the mediation in a letter dated 2014 March 13 which encouraged the Calgary Regional Partnership to move forward with implementing the results of the mediation (Attachment 2).

The Calgary Regional Partnership Board will vote on the proposed Calgary Metropolitan Plan amendments on 2014 May 15. Following an evaluation by Administration, the proposed amendments were determined to be in alignment with the mediation final report and with The City's interests (Attachment 3). Attachment 4 is the proposed amendments as provided by the Calgary Regional Partnership. Attachment 5 provides a complete copy of the Calgary Metropolitan Plan and includes the proposed amendments.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

The City of Calgary was an active participant in the mediation process and the preparation of the final report. Administration has subsequently reviewed the proposed amendments and confirmed that the amendments are consistent with the final report generated during mediation.

The one mediation issue resulting in non-consensus related to the regional decision making model. The revised regional decision making model proposed as Option B in the report to the Minister (Attachment 1, page 9) was supported during mediation by The City of Calgary, the Calgary Regional Partnership and the M.D. of Foothills Rocky View County did not agree with Option B and proposed an alternative decision making model (Option A). The Calgary Regional Partnership Board will consider adopting the revised decision making model as supported by The City of Calgary during mediation (Option B)

The proposed amendments to the Calgary Metropolitan Plan will be subject to the current Calgary Municipal Plan "super-majority" decision making model and thus require the support of The City of Calgary.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CALGARY METROPOLITAN PLAN RESULTING FROM PROVINCIAL MEDIATION

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The public and other stakeholder groups did not participate in the provincially requested mediation process or reviewing the proposed amendments to the Calgary Metropolitan Plan.

Strategic Alignment

The Municipal Development Plan (Bylaw 24P2009) states in section 1.3.2 Alignment in the Calgary Region “*The MDP aligns with the aspirations of the Calgary Regional Partnership and the policies provided in the draft Calgary Metropolitan Plan (CMP).*”

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

A sustainable region is a necessary foundation for a sustainable city. The objective of the Calgary Metropolitan Plan is to ensure that the future urban settlement pattern in the Calgary region is significantly more sustainable than build out of current trends. The citizens of Calgary will benefit from a region where land consumption is reduced, key environments and landscapes are protected and the costs of growth are effectively managed.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

There are no Operating Budget implications associated with this report.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no Capital Budget implications associated with this report.

Risk Assessment

If Council chooses not to endorse the proposed Calgary Metropolitan Plan amendments the plan would not be amended to reflect the mediation report. This could result in further significant delays to the provincial adoption of the Calgary Metropolitan Plan and would create negative impacts to regional relationships.

If Council chooses to not endorse the proposed amendments it could prompt the Province to impose a solution that may or may not be in The City's interest.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

The City of Calgary responded to a request from the Minister of Municipal Affairs to engage in a mediation process to resolve outstanding concerns with the Calgary Metropolitan Plan. The mediation resulted in a number of proposed amendments to the Calgary Metropolitan Plan. The

AMENDMENTS TO THE CALGARY METROPOLITAN PLAN RESULTING FROM PROVINCIAL MEDIATION

proposed amendments are consistent with the final mediation report and reflect the regional decision making model supported by The City of Calgary, Calgary Regional Partnership and the MD of Foothills.

The Calgary Metropolitan area is changing. Calgary is no longer an urban island surrounded by slow growth, rural neighbours and very small towns. The population of Calgary and the region is collectively expected to more than double over the next 65 years. While the majority of the population growth is expected to be accommodated within Calgary, current population projections anticipate 400,000 more people to be living outside Calgary's boundaries by 2076.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Final Mediation Report
2. Letter from Minister of Municipal Affairs
3. Evaluation of Proposed Amendments to the Calgary Metropolitan Plan
4. Calgary Metropolitan Plan – April 2014 Draft
5. Calgary Metropolitan Plan - CMP Amendments, April 2014