

Joint Planning Area Context Study Terms of References - Calgary Metropolitan Region Board

RECOMMENDATION:

That Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:

- 1) Forward this Report to the 2023 April 25 Regular Meeting of Council as an Item of Urgent Business.

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend that Council:

- 2) Approve the draft Joint Planning Area 1 Context Study Terms of Reference (Attachment 2);
- 3) Appoint two primary members from Calgary City Council to the Trilateral Joint Planning Area 1 Committee;
- 4) Approve the draft Joint Planning Area 2 Context Study Terms of Reference (Attachment 3); and
- 5) Appoint two primary members from Calgary City Council to the Trilateral Joint Planning Area 2 Committee.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, 2023 APRIL 20:

That Council:

1. Approve the draft Joint Planning Area 1 Context Study Terms of Reference (Attachment 2);
2. Appoint two primary members from Calgary City Council to the Trilateral Joint Planning Area 1 Committee;
3. Approve the draft Joint Planning Area 2 Context Study Terms of Reference (Attachment 3); and
4. Appoint two primary members from Calgary City Council to the Trilateral Joint Planning Area 2 Committee.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Joint Planning Areas provide opportunities for neighbouring municipalities to collaborate in areas where growth planning decisions may have impact on more than one municipality; and where services would be necessary to support growth.
- Administration is bringing forward two proposed Terms of References, for the development of Context Studies for Joint Planning Area 1 and Joint Planning Area 2 as outlined in the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Growth Plan and reflected in Attachment 1.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** The development of Context Studies will provide a coordinated approach between The City of Calgary and our regional partners for land use planning and servicing within the Joint Planning Areas to accommodate future growth.
- **Why does this matter?** Establishing Terms of Reference provides guidance and a governance structure for the cooperation between the three municipalities in each of the Joint Planning Areas and enables the establishment of effective and efficient Trilateral Committees and outcomes.

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- The City of Airdrie and Rocky View County will be seeking approvals of the Terms of Reference for Joint Planning Area 1, and The City of Chestermere and Rocky View County will be seeking approvals of the Terms of Reference for Joint Planning Area 2. Subsequent to the approvals, the Terms of References will be submitted to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board.
- Background and Previous Council Direction is included as Attachment 1.

DISCUSSION

Joint Planning Areas are regional growth priority areas where significant intermunicipal servicing and related growth pressures either currently exist or are anticipated in the near future. A higher level of cooperation and collaboration is required to guide future development in these locations. Context Studies are required for these lands to provide guidance on land use planning, servicing, intermunicipal environmental issues, and cost sharing.

The City of Calgary is part of two Joint Planning Areas:

1. Joint Planning Area 1: North of Calgary with The City of Airdrie and Rocky View County, and
2. Joint Planning Area 2: East of Calgary with The City of Chestermere and Rocky View County.

This report seeks approval of the Terms of References, and appointments to a Trilateral Committee for Joint Planning Area 1 and Joint Planning Area 2 (Attachments 2 and 3 respectively). The collaboratively drafted Terms of References outline roles and responsibilities, the regulatory framework, dispute resolution and contents of the Context Studies.

Each of the Trilateral Joint Planning Area Committees will consist of six voting members, with two members appointed from each municipal Council. The Committee will make decisions and provide direction on the development of the Context Study for the Joint Planning Area. Meetings and decision making will require a quorum of at least one appointed elected official from each municipality.

Once all three municipalities have approved the proposed Terms of Reference, it will be submitted to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board for the record.

EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

- Public engagement was undertaken
- Public/interested parties were informed
- Dialogue with interested parties was undertaken
- Public communication or engagement was not required

IMPLICATIONS

Social

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Building on the strengths of the regional partners can improve the social wellbeing of the Calgary region residents by allowing them to benefit from the results of collaborative policies that improve cross boundary land use planning and servicing. The Context Study can provide direction to support sustainable equitable intermunicipal growth that addresses transit planning, recreational amenities, and access to jobs within the Joint Planning Areas.

Environmental

Context Studies can provide direction and policy to new Area Structure Plans and development in the Joint Planning Areas that can improve air quality, enhance habitat and land stewardship, provide climate mitigation measures and protect water resources across boundaries.

Economic

Context Studies provide opportunities to collaborate and explore servicing options amongst the municipalities while advancing the associated cost and benefit sharing. It can also provide greater certainty for investors resulting in less perception of risk and greater potential of attracting investment at a regional level when collaborating towards regional economic goals.

Service and Financial Implications

Existing operating funding - one-time

Each partner municipality will contribute equally to the costs of preparing the Context Studies. Calgary's portion can be accommodated within existing approved budgets.

RISK

Not approving the recommendations would result in The City of Calgary and our partner municipalities to not adhere to the timelines for adopting the Terms of References as outlined in the provincially approved Growth Plan. This would represent a reputational risk for The City. Also, delaying the adoption of a Terms of Reference would delay collaborations and could delay the adoption of a Context Study.

The Terms of Reference agreements provide a framework for collaborations on the Context Studies and reduce the risks of a three-party project.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Background and Previous Direction
2. Terms of Reference: Context Study Joint Planning Area 1
3. Terms of Reference: Context Study Joint Planning Area 2
4. Presentation-IGA2023-0251

Department Circulation

General Manager/Director	Department	Approve/Consult/Inform
GM Stuart Dalglish	Planning and Development Services	Approve