Background and Previous Direction

The City of Calgary is a member of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (The Board) whose vision is to support the long-term economic, environmental and social wellbeing of the Calgary Metropolitan Region by facilitating collaborative regional planning practices, optimizing shared services and land use, and fostering sustainable growth. The role of the Board is to provide a planning framework to achieve this vision along with a governance structure to support its implementation.

The Growth Plan provides a framework for regional collaboration between member municipalities to accommodate growth over the next 25 to 30 years and advance The Board's vision. The Growth Plan establishes regional growth priority areas that will create a sustainable region and manage growth in a more focused manner. One of the tools to manage growth is the implementation of Context Studies. Context Studies are required in Joint Planning Areas, where intermunicipal collaboration is required to support the anticipated significant growth and associated servicing.

A Context Study is a high-level guide to land use planning, transit and transportation servicing, environmental protection and enhancement, water, wastewater and storm water servicing, and cost sharing between municipalities. Context Studies inform new Area Structure Plans and development in the Joint Planning Areas; and set out how municipalities coordinate and collaborate on servicing. The Context Studies for the two areas of interest must be completed by **August 2025**, which marks three years following the Growth Plan's approval. The draft Terms of References (Attachment 2 & 3) are required to be submitted to the Board for information as outlined in the Growth Plan.

The City of Calgary is part of two Joint Planning Areas as reflected on the map below:

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.

Calgary Metropolitan Region Board
Regional Growth Structure Map

Rocky View County

Airdrie

1

Calgary

2

Chestermere

Langdon

Tsuut'ina Nation

Indigenous Nation not within CMR

Preferred Growth Areas
- Urban Municipality
- Joint Planning Area
- Hamlet Growth Area†

Statutory Plans
- Existing Area Structure Plan‡