



**SUBJECT: Letter of Intent regarding Prairie Economic Gateway Initiative between the City of Calgary and Rocky View County**

On September 17, 2021, the City of Calgary ('the City') gave notice to the Land and Property Rights Tribunal, Rocky View County ('the County') and other local authorities, proposing to annex land from the County into the City. This precipitated the need for the two municipalities to enter good faith negotiations on annexation.

The parties met throughout 2022 to engage in good-faith discussions on annexation, ultimately deciding that their mutual interests could be better served through an innovative collaborative endeavor for the lands in question. This collaborative process seeks to generate economic development opportunities and sustainable methods of industrial growth to the benefit of both municipalities and the Calgary Metropolitan Region. This approach will demonstrate how strong intermunicipal relationships can benefit residents and the business community across municipal boundaries. The parties' renewed commitment to collaboration aligns with the vision and framework provided by the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board.

The Prairie Economic Gateway initiative entered by the parties is intended to provide a collaborative holistic planning approach to the lands in question, alongside a servicing strategy, an infrastructure funding framework, and a shared investment for shared benefit framework. This framework is intended to provide a model for continued collaboration between the parties in the future.

Signature to this letter indicates the following intent:

- To direct staff to continue information sharing and collaborative discussions to advance the shared understanding and implementation of this framework;
- To provide staff time and financial contribution towards the completion of the technical studies, planning frameworks, and financial/governance agreements necessary to implement the vision of this framework; and
- To provide approval of the Terms of Reference for the City of Calgary & Rocky View County Prairie Economic Gateway initiative.

While this letter of intent is non-binding, its spirit is one of continued intermunicipal cooperation in pursuit of the Prairie Economic Gateway initiative that accommodates the aspirations of both parties and results in cost-effective solutions that offer long-term benefits to the region.

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