

**Calgary Metropolitan Region Board - February 2024 Board Meeting Update (Verbal) –
IGA2024-0262**

Recommendation

That with respect to Report IGA2024-0262, the following be approved:

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend that Council receive the document entitled "Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – February 2024 Board Meeting Update (Verbal) – IGA2024-0262" and presentation for the Corporate Record.

Recent meetings and events:

The Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) meeting was held on Friday 2024 February 9. Mayor Jyoti Gondek represented The City at the meeting and Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra was also in attendance.

The Board discussed the CMRB drought response and passed three motions resulting in:

- CMRB Administration working with member municipal administrations to support region-wide drought preparation actions;
- Mayor Gondek and Foothills County Reeve Miller working with their Administrations to create high level, common messaging for the public on residential, agricultural, industrial, commercial and institutional water conservation practices; and
- Mayor Gondek coordinating a press conference on 2024 February 23 for CMRB Board members to jointly deliver the messaging and raise public awareness around water conservation in the region.

The Board approved the updated Water Road Map which allows CMRB Administration to begin allocating staff and budget resources to the water road map recommendations. Prioritization of water related topics such as drought, source water protection and flooding will take place in the future.

The Board approved the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Database. The project's overall goal is to create and maintain a regional Environmentally Sensitive Areas database that enables a common approach to identifying and mapping these areas in the Calgary Metropolitan Region to support cross-boundary planning and inform large-scale planning processes.

Further information was provided on a letter of concern from the Town of Okotoks. The Town of Okotoks and Foothills County will have further bilateral discussions on a proposed development. If a resolution cannot be obtained, the proposed development will be referred to the Board for review.

In closed session, the Board discussed amendments to the Dispute Resolution & Appeal Bylaw. This is in response to a request made to the CMRB by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. An amended bylaw was approved by the Board and will be sent to the Minister for final approval.

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General Manager Debra Hamilton concurs with the information in this verbal update.