

# Calgary Metropolitan Regional Board Growth and Servicing Plans Overview

Calgary uses many strategies to direct how we grow. Within our city boundaries, our [Municipal Development Plan](#) and [Calgary Transportation Plan](#) form an integrated land use and mobility strategy that guides our decision-making.

We also collaborate with regional neighbours to support long-term social, environmental and economic wellbeing in the Calgary Metropolitan Region. This work is led by the Provincially-mandated [Calgary Metropolitan Region Board](#) (CMRB), comprised of elected officials from the Region's member municipalities: City of Airdrie, City of Calgary, City of Chestermere, Town of Cochrane, Foothills County, Town of High River, Town of Okotoks, and Rocky View County.

## Summary of the Growth Plan

[The CMRB Growth Plan](#) provides a roadmap for accommodating the next one million people in the Region. The Growth Plan is based on the development of a regional growth scenario that supports compact and transit-oriented development, which results in major improvements in terms of vehicle kilometers travelled and land consumption, as well as road and infrastructure costs, water consumption costs and energy consumption costs. The plan prioritizes:

- Reinforcing the role of core urban areas as economic, cultural and social centres;
- Conserving agricultural land and resources; and
- Developing fully serviced neighbourhoods and employment areas where people will be able to walk to everyday needs or take transit for longer-distance trips.

The Growth Plan uses Preferred Growth Areas and Placetypes to guide decisions. Growth is directed to Preferred Growth Areas to support efficient servicing and infrastructure. Preferred Growth Areas are Urban Municipalities, Joint Planning Areas and Hamlet Growth Areas.

The plan contains seven Placetypes, five of which can only be located in Preferred Growth Areas. These five are Infill and Redevelopment, Mixed Use Centre and Transit Oriented Development, Masterplan Community, Employment Area and Residential Community. The Rural and Country Cluster and Rural Employment Area Placetypes can only be located outside of Preferred Growth Areas. The plan provides further direction on coordinating service provision, protecting source water supply and mitigating the impacts of growth on other municipalities.

## Summary of the Servicing Plan

[The CMRB Servicing Plan](#) is based on three pillars. The first is servicing priorities, in which the Region will seek to understand the regional servicing system and identify areas where collaboration will provide regional benefit. The second pillar is working groups comprised of administrative staff and potentially other parties that will advance work on servicing. Evidence based decision-making is the third pillar. The CMRB and the working groups will explore region-wide studies, collaborative frameworks, governance structures and agreements.

The service areas include long-term water strategy, water and wastewater servicing, stormwater servicing, mobility and recreation. Municipalities are expected to participate in servicing discussions, explore servicing options and consider the provision of servicing, if it makes sense for the municipality. The Servicing Plan does not commit The City to providing any regional servicing.