

**Calgary Metropolitan Region Board - December 2023 Board Meeting Update (Verbal) -
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Recommendation

“That the Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA) Committee recommend that Council receive this verbal report and distribution for the Corporate Record.”

Recent meetings and events:

The Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) meeting was held on Friday 2023 December 15. Mayor Jyoti Gondek represented The City at the meeting and Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra was also in attendance.

The Board discussed the process for reviewing a letter of concern received on 2023 October 20 from the Town of Okotoks relating to a development in Foothills County. CMRB Administration has 25 business days to conduct a review of such letters and make recommendations to the Board on the most appropriate process for reviewing the concern, as outlined in Section 7 of the Regional Evaluation Framework Interpretation Guide. CMRB Administration required an extension to allow Foothills County the opportunity to outline their perspective on the proposal, as CMRB Administration did not initially reach out to both municipalities as required. The Board granted the extension. CMRB Administration is to then return to the Board with a recommendation on how to proceed at the next scheduled Board meeting on 2024 February 09.

The Board received information on the Infrastructure Canada Permanent Public Transit Fund and approved the draft Terms of Reference for a Canada Transit Fund technical advisory group consisting of subject matter experts from member municipalities, with CMRB Administration acting as a convener.

In closed session, the Board:

- Discussed amendments to the Dispute Resolution & Appeal Bylaw, which will be circulated to member municipalities in January and brought forward for decision on 2024 February 09. This was in response to a request made to the CMRB by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;
- CMRB Administration provided a verbal update on regional policing; and
- The Board completed the annual Board Chair Performance Review.

During roundtable, Mayor Gondek raised a question regarding how the Board will deal with development, such as the Prairie Economic Gateway initiative, as well as servicing requests for lands not located in Preferred Growth Areas as identified in the Growth Plan. This question will be placed on a future Board agenda for further discussion.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Land Use & Servicing Committee Meeting, 2024 January 18
- Board Meeting, 2024 February 9
- Governance Committee Meeting, 2024 March 8

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