

Calgary Metropolitan Region 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.

Regionally, we work collaboratively with our neighbours to support the long-term social, environmental and economic wellbeing of the Calgary Metropolitan Region. This work is led by the Provincially-mandated [Calgary Metropolitan Region Board](#) (CMRB), which is comprised of elected officials from each of the Region's eight 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. Realizing this type of development results in major improvements in terms of vehicle kilometers travelled and land consumption. It also reduces road and infrastructure cost per household, water consumption cost per household and energy consumption cost per household. The plan takes an approach that 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 utilizes two main tools to guide growth within the Region: Preferred Growth Areas and Placetypes.

Policies direct growth to Preferred Growth Areas to invest more efficiently in transportation, transit, servicing and infrastructure. The Preferred Growth Areas are made up of 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 Placetypes. 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' infrastructure and services.

Summary of the Servicing Plan

[The CMRB Servicing Plan](#) is a separate document from the Growth Plan and 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 the concept of working groups comprised of administrative staff and potentially

other stakeholders that will advance work on servicing. Evidence based decision-making is the third pillar. It is important to the Region to use data collection, monitoring and reporting to support decision making. 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, transportation, transit 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.