

Planning and Development Services Briefing to

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – April 2024 Board Meeting Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of this briefing is to update the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the work of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) from their Board meeting held on 2024 April 26.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra represented The City of Calgary at the meeting.

The Board approved the Regional Transportation and Transit Master Plan Scope. CMRB Administration will now begin the procurement process for part one of the project.

The Board approved the Calgary Metro Housing Needs Assessment for use in support of the Infrastructure Canada Permanent Transit Fund application.

In closed session, the Board discussed the 2023 Audited Financial Statements and received an update on the Infrastructure Canada Permanent Transit Fund from Asif Kurji, Manager of Strategic Project Development with The City of Calgary. Following the closed session, the Board approved the 2023 Audited Financial Statements.

The Board approved a motion arising from the closed session directing CMRB Administration to prepare a briefing note on regional impacts of Bill 20 and circulate it to the Board no later than 2024 May 10.

The update on the appointment of an auditor for the CMRB was pulled from the consent agenda and after discussion, the Board approved a motion to appoint AVAIL LLP as auditor for another three-year term.

The Board discussed a motion proposed by the Town of High River and ultimately directed CMRB Administration to explore developing a policy which clearly defines servicing requirements for any application subject to the Regional Evaluation Framework. CMRB Administration is to report back to the Land Use and Servicing Committee within six months.

The Board approved the Phase 2 CMRB Indigenous Relations Summary Report, concluding the work of Phase 2. One of the actions of the Phase 2 Indigenous Relations workplan focussed on celebrating the Indigeneity of the region through the Stories of the Land pilot project. The Stories of the Land project proposed to document culturally significant stories from Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers about sites in the region to help member municipalities and the general public deepen their understanding of the history and Indigeneity of the land. However, after initial research and outreach to Knowledge Keepers it was determined that the CMRB is not the appropriate group to lead this work and it was recommended that the project be closed. The Board subsequently approved the Phase 3 Indigenous Relations Charter and further directed CMRB Administration to work with member municipalities to develop a prioritized list of actions to support mutually beneficial relationships. The Phase 3 Indigenous Relations workplan proposes to convene conversations, facilitate learning opportunities and make connections to support member municipalities to advance reconciliation and strengthen relationships in the Region.

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General Manager Timothy Keane concurs with the information in this Briefing.