

Planning and Development Services Briefing to

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – June 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 meeting held on 2024 June 21.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Mayor Jyoti Gondek represented The City of Calgary at the meeting.

The CMRB approved the designation of a Hamlet Growth Area in Foothills County, directly south of Calgary, in the Heritage Point area. Hamlet Growth Areas provide growth opportunities in rural municipalities and are considered a Preferred Growth Area in accordance with CMRB's Growth Plan.

The CMRB received a presentation from Calgary Economic Development on the ongoing work of the regional economic development initiative. Recommendations for this initiative will be proceeding to the CMRB for decision in Fall 2024.

In closed session, the CMRB received an update from Asif Kurji, Manager of Strategic Project Development with The City of Calgary, on the Infrastructure Canada Permanent Transit Fund. The CMRB also discussed the Chief Officer position recruitment as Jordon Copping, current CMRB Chief Officer, is stepping down from his role. Back in the regular meeting, the CMRB approved hiring Leaders International for the recruitment of a new Chief Officer.

The CMRB received an update on indigenous relations from the consultant Anne Harding of Forum Community Relations and subsequently approved the Phase 3 CMRB Indigenous Relations Plan. The priority actions of the Phase 3 plan include ongoing dialogue with Indigenous Nations, commitment to learning about the history and experiences of local Indigenous Nations, supporting the inclusion of Indigenous Nations' perspectives in the regional economic development initiative, and supporting and amplifying the work being done by member municipalities to celebrate the indigeneity of the region.

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General Manager Debra Hamilton concurs with the information in this Briefing.