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Trilateral Joint Planning Area 2 Committee - 2024 November Meeting Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

The purpose of this briefing is to update Intergovernmental Affairs Committee on the work of the Trilateral Joint Planning Area 2 Committee from their meeting held on 2024 November 29.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Trilateral Joint Planning Area 2 Committee was hosted by Rocky View County Administration. Councillors Gian-Carlo Carra and Evan Spencer represented The City of Calgary at the meeting. Councillors Kevin Hanson and Sunny Samra represented Rocky View County, with Councillors Robert Schindler and Ritesh Narayan representing the City of Chestermere.

The purpose of the meeting was for The Committee to endorse the Context Study scope, Engagement Strategy, Change Management Plan and to confirm next steps.

The administration team presented an update on the project and informed the Committee of an upcoming visioning session on 2024 December 6, intended to capture the Committee's vision for the area and form the basis of the Context Study.

The Committee was generally supportive of the recommendations as presented, but did consider risks associated with proceeding with the Context Study work prior to the City of Chestermere confirming their budget. The Committee also considered the potential inefficiencies resulting from Joint Planning Areas 1 and 2 proceeding on different timelines.

Some Committee members expressed concern with the current uncertainty around the future of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) following the Government of Alberta's announcement at the 2024 November 22 CMRB Board meeting. It is unclear how this will impact the statutory Growth Plan which directs the work to complete the Context Study for the Joint Planning Areas.

The Committee agreed that the Context Study work is important and should continue regardless of the uncertainty of the CMRB and the possible inefficiencies with Joint Planning Areas 1 and 2 not proceeding concurrently. With more information on the budget proceedings expected in the coming weeks, the Committee directed administration to revisit the scope of the Context Study following the completion of the visioning session.

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