

Calgary Metropolitan Region Board – Councillor Appointment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 2018 January 01 the *Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Regulation* AR190/2017 (“*Regulation*”) will come into force, establishing the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board. As a participating municipality, The City of Calgary must, in accordance with the *Regulation*, appoint a Councillor to represent The City of Calgary on the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board. This report presents Councillors’ expressions of interest in serving on the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Appoint a Councillor, as The City of Calgary’s representative, and an alternate, to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board for a term effective 2018 January 01 and set to expire at the 2018 Organizational Meeting of Council; and
2. Direct that Attachment 3 remain confidential pursuant to Sections 17 and 19 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

The Council policy on *Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees* (CP2016-03) provides that Council Members shall be appointed to Boards, Commissions and Committees at the annual Organizational Meeting of Council, and at other times the Boards, Commissions and Committees require. The appointment term for Council Members is until the next annual Organizational Meeting of Council, unless otherwise specified by a resolution of Council or a Governance Document and terminates immediately upon leaving office. In the case of a mid-term Council Member vacancy, the City Clerk’s Office will canvass all Councillors for interest in the applicable Board, Commission or Committee and bring a report forward for Council to make an appointment.

BACKGROUND

Section 708.02(1) of the *Municipal Government Act* (“MGA”) provides that the Lieutenant Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister on the request of two or more municipalities, may establish a growth management board in respect to those municipalities by regulation. Section 708.04 provides that each participating municipality must, in accordance with the regulation establishing the growth management board of which the participating municipality is a member, appoint a person to represent the participating municipality on the growth management board.

The *Regulation* was granted Royal Assent on October, 26, 2017 and it will come into force on January 1, 2018. The *Regulation* establishes the Calgary Growth Management Board. The mandate, power and duties of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board are set out within the *Regulation* (Attachment 1). In accordance with the *Regulation*, The City of Calgary is a participating municipality. A complete list of participating municipalities is provided within the *Regulation* (Attachment 2).

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INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Appointment of a Representative

In accordance with the *Regulation*, the representative appointed under Section 708.04 of the *MGA* must be a Councillor of the participating municipality that is appointing the representative. The *MGA* provides that a Councillor includes the Chief Elected Official (that is, the Mayor). The *Regulation* also provides that each participating municipality may appoint a person to act in the representative's temporary absence or temporary inability to act. The appointed representatives are expected to represent the perspectives of their respective municipality during Board deliberations but have a duty to act in the best interests of the Board when taking actions or making decisions.

Until a participating municipality appoints a representative under Section 708.04, the Chief Elected Official of the participating municipality is designated as that municipality's representative.

Term Length

The *Regulation* does not set out a term for the appointed representative. The Council policy on *Governance and Appointments of Boards, Commissions and Committees* (CP2016-03) provides that the appointment term for Council Members is until the next annual Organizational Meeting of Council, unless otherwise specified by a resolution of Council or a Governance Document. The recommended term length for the Councillor appointment is until the 2018 Organizational Meeting of Council in order to align the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board appointment process with existing appointment processes for Members of Council at The City of Calgary. Given that the *Regulation* does not come into force until 2018 January 01, the Councillor appointment term will begin on 2018 January 01.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The Law and Legislative Services Department collaborated with the Intergovernmental and Corporate Strategy Division in reviewing the *Regulation* to ensure The City's compliance and preparedness ahead of the *Regulation* coming into force on 2018 January 01. In accordance with Council policy, all Members of Council were canvassed as to their interest in being appointed to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (Attachment 3).

Strategic Alignment

This report aligns with Council's priority of a well-run city: "Calgary's government is open, responsive, accountable and transparent, delivering excellent services at a fair price. We work with our government partners to ensure we have the tools we need" (*Action Plan 2015-2018*).

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

The *Regulation* provides that the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board will promote the long-term sustainability of the Calgary Metropolitan Region, ensure environmentally responsible land-use planning, growth management and efficient use of land, and promote the economic well-being and competitiveness of the Calgary Metropolitan Region (Attachment 1).

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Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

None.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

None.

Risk Assessment

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this report. The *Regulation* comes into force on 2018 January 01 and appointing a Councillor at this time ensures The City's readiness for the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board's first meeting. Further, the *Regulation* states that until The City appoints a representative, the Chief Elected Official is designated as The City's representative on the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

The *MGA* provides that The City, as a participating municipality, must, in accordance with the *Regulation*, appoint a Councillor to represent The City of Calgary on the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board. Further, the *Regulation* provides that each participating municipality may appoint a person to act in the representative's temporary absence or temporary inability to act.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Attachment 1 – Calgary Metropolitan Region Board: Mandate, power and duties
2. Attachment 2 – Calgary Metropolitan Region Board: Participating Municipalities
3. Attachment 3 – Expressions of Interest (Confidential)