

Deputy City Manager's Office Report to
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
2018 July 26

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Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) Update

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) is a mandatory growth board established through the Municipal Government Act (MGA) and the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Regulation (The Regulation). Council previously appointed Mayor Nenshi (Primary) and Councillor Carra (Alternate) as representatives to the CMRB Board. The CMRB Board had established three elected official Committees and on 22 June 2018 the Board voted to establish a fourth Committee focused on advocacy. The purpose of this report is to nominate a City of Calgary (The City) elected official and alternate to represent The City at the CMRB Advocacy Committee and to bolster elected official representation to the Land Use and Intermunicipal Servicing Committees by nominating Committee alternates.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee recommend that Council:

1. Appoint a Council representative and alternate to the newly formed Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Advocacy Committee, set to expire at the 2018 Organizational Meeting of Council; and
2. Appoint a Council alternate to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Land Use Committee, and the Intermunicipal Servicing Committee, set to expire at the 2018 Organizational Meeting of Council.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE DATED 2018 JULY 26:

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Excerpt from the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee Dated 2018 July 26:

“A revised Attachment 2 to Report IGA2018-0846 was distributed.”

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2017 December 11 (C2017-1164) Council appointed the Mayor as The City of Calgary's representative, and Councillor Carra as 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.

On 2016 March 03 (IGA2016-0160) Council approved The City of Calgary Submission to Minister of Municipal Affairs-Growth Management Board for the Calgary Region.

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On 2016 January 14 in-camera verbal report (IGA2016-0048), IGA was provided an overview of preliminary City positions relative to the Growth Management Board development.

BACKGROUND

Growth Management Board and the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board

In September 2015, the Minister of Municipal Affairs announced that the Province would move forward with a mandatory growth management board for the Calgary Metropolitan Region.

Section 708.02(1.1) of the MGA provides that the Lieutenant Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister, establish a growth management board for the Calgary Metropolitan Region and determine the membership of the board.

The Regulation (Attachment 1) was granted Royal Assent on 2017 October 26 and came into force on 2018 January 1. The City is one of 10 municipal members identified as a mandatory member.

On 2017 December 11, Mayor Nenshi was nominated by Council as The City representative at the Board with Councillor Carra as alternate. Decisions of the Board must be supported through a Double Majority governance model where The City support is necessary for decisions to be passed. Where a representative is not present for a vote of the Board, the representative is deemed to have voted in the affirmative. (Section 5(2) & (3) of The Regulation)

CMRB Board and Committee Representation

There are four elected official committees of the CMRB. The Terms of Reference for these Committees are contained within Attachments 2 and 3. The four Committees and their representation is summarized in the table below:

Board/Committee	Council Representative	Council Alternate
Calgary Metropolitan Region Board	Mayor Nenshi	Councillor Carra
Land Use Committee	Councillor Carra	None
Intermunicipal Servicing Committee	Councillor Carra	None
Governance Committee	n/a – Calgary representation not required	n/a – Calgary representation not required
Advocacy Committee (new)	None	None

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INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Nominating Council Alternates for Committees

Since the establishment of the CMRB on 2018 January 1, three elected official committees of the CMRB were created (Land Use, Servicing and Governance). In accordance with the Land Use Committee and Intermunicipal Servicing Committee's Terms of References (Attachment 2), there are no requirements for meeting quorum, and decisions are determined by a simple majority. The CMRB Committees are not decision making bodies but make recommendations to the CMRB Board.

It is important for the CMRB Committees to be sufficiently represented to ensure that the interests of The City are articulated and to influence the matters and decisions that are referred to the Board for decision.

Advocacy Committee

On 2018 June 22, the Board voted to approve the creation of a fourth elected official committee (Advocacy Committee). This Committee is intended to guide the development of educational and outreach strategies to advance the goals of the region, particularly as these strategies pertain to intergovernmental relations with the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada. In accordance with the Advocacy Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 3), decisions will be determined by a simple majority. Recommendations of the Committee will be referred to the Board for final decision.

Representation on the Advocacy Committee allows The City to influence advocacy recommendations to the Board and to coordinate regional advocacy with The City's own advocacy efforts.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

N/A

Strategic Alignment

The Municipal Development Plan states in Policy 1.3.2 and Policy 5.C.5 that The City is aligned with the aspirations of the Calgary Regional Partnership and the Calgary Metropolitan Plan.

The Triple Bottom Line Policy Framework (Oct 2011) under the heading Smart Growth Framework states that "The City works with its regional partners to ensure that growth is managed effectively to achieve the goal of long-term urban sustainability."

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

Additional staff resources required to support the Advocacy Committee will be absorbed through current resources on the Intergovernmental & Corporate Strategy Team

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Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no capital budget impacts associated with this report.

Risk Assessment

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this report. Council representation on the committees, along with bolstered support from Council alternates, will increase opportunities for The City's interests to be better reflected in the region and for City advocacy to be coordinated with the Region.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Two Council elected officials are recommended to represent The City at the CMRB Advocacy Committee (Representative and Alternate). Representation on this Committee will ensure that City interests are reflected and coordinated with The City's substantial advocacy efforts. In addition, Council alternates for the Land Use Committee and Intermunicipal Servicing Committee are recommended to provide continuity and support and to consistently influence Committee recommendations to the CMRB Board.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Regulation;
2. **Revised** Terms of References for Governance Committee, Land Use Committee, Intermunicipal Servicing Committee;
3. Draft Terms of Reference for Advocacy Committee