



Board Meeting
Abbreviated Agenda
October 13, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – Noon
Chateau Louis, Grand Ballroom
11727 Kingsway, Edmonton

1. Call to Order
2. Chair's Opening Remarks
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2016
5. Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan

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- a. Sturgeon County Member Motion - Country Residential Decision (RFD only)

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Recommended Motion: That the Capital Region Board amend Policy 4.4.4 within the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan to allow acceptance of a new country residential development application at 80% build-out of the member municipality's existing country residential supply via the REF process, and only approved for development when 90% or more of the member municipality's existing country residential land supply has been built-out.

- b. Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan Decision (RFD only)

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Recommended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approve the final Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan, unanimously recommended by the Growth Plan Update Task Force, and forward it to the Province no later than October 31 for their review and approval.

- c. Dissolution of the Growth Plan Task Force and Approval of Minutes (RFD only)

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Recommended Motion: That the Capital Region Board disband the Growth Plan Update Task Force effective immediately and that its mandate and authorities be terminated.

And,

That the Capital Region Board approve the Growth Plan Update Task Force August 18, 2016 meeting minutes.

d. **Regional Evaluation Framework for Review and Discussion (RFD only)**

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Recommended Motion: That the Capital Region Board receive the Draft Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) 2.0 for information and direct members to provide comments to CRB administration on the proposed draft on or before October 27, 2016.

6. **Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee**

a. **Policy G019 Review & Decision (RFD only)**

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Recommended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approve Policy G019 as recommended by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee.

b. **Policy Updates G010, G011, A007, A008 and A009 Review & Decision (RFD only)**

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Recommended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approve Policy G010, G011, A007, A008 and A009 as recommended by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee.

c. **2017 Municipal Election Transition Review & Information (RFD only)**

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Recommended Motion: That the Capital Region Board receive for information the 2017 Municipal Election Transition Plan as recommended by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee.

d. **2017/18 Proposed Draft Budget for Review (RFD only)**

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Recommended Motion: That the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee recommend the draft 2017/18 budget to the Capital Region Board for information.

7. **Advocacy & Monitoring Committee**

a. **CRB Three Year Advocacy and Communications Strategic Plan Update (RFD only)**

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Recommended Motion: That the Capital Region Board approve the Three-Year Advocacy and Communications Strategic Plan as updated in September 2016, as recommended by the Advocacy & Monitoring Committee.

8. **Housing Committee**

a. **Housing Symposium for Information (BN only)**

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b. Our Affordable Future Challenge (6 B only)

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9. Transit Committee

a. Capital Region High Occupancy Vehicle/Transit Priority Update for Information
(RFD only)

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Recommended Motion: That the Capital Region Board receive the Capital Region High Occupancy Vehicle/Transit Priority Study update for information.

10. Committee/Task Force Chair Updates

11. Administrative Items

a. CEO's Update
i. Information Requests (IR only)

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b. Website Launch

12. Adjournment



Country Residential Decision for Approval

Recommended Motion

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Background

At the September 8, 2016 Capital Region Board Meeting, Mayor Flynn of Sturgeon County provided Notice of Motion regarding an amendment to Country Residential Policy 4.4.4 within the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan (Growth Plan 2.0).

As submitted by Sturgeon County:

As a matter of process, given that it is likely member municipalities' existing supply of Country Residential lands will be absorbed as developers work through various application processes, Sturgeon County requests that the Capital Region Board consider accepting new country residential applications if 80% of the member municipality's existing country residential land supply has been built-out.

If the Capital Region Board were to accept this amendment to the previously approved criteria within Policy 4.4.4, this would provide certainty that development entities can begin to seek appropriate application approvals at 80%, with the municipality withholding issue of development permit until 90%, should the application be approved through the REF process. This would ensure a streamlined process.



Growth Plan Update Task Force Recommendation to Capital Region Board

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Final - Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan

Recommended Motion

That the Capital Region Board approve the final Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan, unanimously recommended by the Growth Plan Update Task Force, and forward it to the Province no later than October 31 for their review and approval.

Background

- March 10, 2010, the Capital Region Board Growth Plan, *Growing Forward*, was approved by the Province and included was the commitment to 'evergreen' the Plan.
- The Board committed to "conducting a full review of all aspects of the Growth Plan at least every 5 years as part of its ongoing business planning process".
- July 11, 2013, the Board approved a Project Charter that included the framework for the project to update the Growth Plan and on November 15, 2013 approved a Task Force to oversee the project and to provide regional direction on behalf of the Board.
- Over a 30 month period the Task Force completed a comprehensive analysis of the region and the implications of past patterns of growth, explored a range of growth scenarios, prepared working papers to inform key issues and concepts, completed multiple stakeholder engagement sessions and regional presentations, hosted 30 minute information sessions with the Board on key topics in the Plan and responded to several rounds of written feedback on the content and policies of the Plan while it was being developed and worked closely with the Province through a cross-ministerial review committee on the direction and outcomes of the Plan.
- Throughout the project the Task Force Chair provided regular progress reports at Board meetings and on behalf of the Task Force brought components of the Plan forward to the Board, for its approval, to continue the process of updating the Plan.
- The components of the Plan that have been approved by the Board include:
 - May 14, 2015 - Project 1A: Plan Review and Policy Evaluation
 - May 14, 2015 - Revised Population Forecast
 - June 11, 2015 - Vision and Guiding Principles
 - September 10, 2015 - Planning Approach
 - September 10, 2015 - Policy Areas Framework
 - February 11, 2016 - Revised Employment Forecast
 - March 10, 2016 - Edmonton Metropolitan Structure to 2044
 - March 10, 2016 - Policy Objectives & Policy Directions
 - April 14, 2016 - Draft Table of Contents



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- The Board has received \$1.25 Million dollars from the Province and was granted a 10 month extension to complete this work by October 31, 2016. Additionally the Board has invested \$655,000 from its operating budget.
- In-kind contributions from the 6 Regional Technical Advisors who have provided technical expertise to the Task Force and CRB Administration for the past 3 years is equal to the entire cost of the project.

Rationale

- The Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan is a substantive update to the 2010 Capital Region Board Growth Plan. The Plan responds to the unique and complex make-up the Region, to future challenges and provides clear direction on how and where to effectively manage growth in the Region for the next 30 years to accommodate a million more people and 470,000 new jobs.
- The Plan builds on the successes and learnings of the 2010 Growth Plan reflected in an integrated regional plan that is accessible and easy to navigate and built on evidence based approach.
- Included in the Plan is a 50 year *Vision, Guiding Principles, 6 Policy Areas*, each with a set of *Policy Objectives* and *Policies* that work together.
- The Plan addresses gaps in the current plan and future challenges facing the region. It includes two new policy areas- *Agriculture* and *Global Economic Competitiveness & Employment* and expands on the current mandate areas – *Transportation Systems, Integration of Land Use and Infrastructure, Communities and Housing* and *Natural Living Systems*.
- The planning framework – The *Edmonton Metropolitan Region Structure* recognizes three policy tiers – *rural area, metropolitan area* and *metropolitan core* as well as other components tied to policies to inform future decisions about growth.
- The Plan identifies *strategies* to address future growth and includes an expanded set of *key performance indicators* to enable *monitoring and reporting* of the Region's progress towards the Plan goals.
- The Plan's goals are to enable the growth of all municipalities and to maintain the attractiveness, livability and economic prosperity of this Region by building more compact communities to reduce the expansion of the development footprint, conserve productive agricultural lands, make use of existing infrastructure and strategically plan regional infrastructure to enable economic competitiveness and employment, enhance regional mobility options and protect the environment. The approximate land savings is 250 quarter sections of land, and an estimated 30% reduction in land consumption over the current plan.

Attachments:

1. Notes about the Final Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan (*see page 3*)
2. Final Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan – Re-Imagine. Plan. Build. – October 13, 2016



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Attachment 1

Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan

- Board Members, since the September 8, 2016 draft Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan was presented, CRB Administration has completed a thorough review of the Plan for final edits and to ensure consistency and overall readability.
- Minor edits as well as new content has been included in the final Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan of October 13, 2016 Plan.
 - The minor edits included spelling, grammar and wayfinding throughout the Plan. The edits were made to improve the overall presentation and accessibility of the Plan with no impact on the content and substance of the Plan, as presented in draft of September 8, 2016.
 - New content added since September 8, 2016
 - **Policy 4.4.4j.** includes the addition of examples, as requested by Sturgeon County (Page 60)
 - **Appendix C2:** Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Tool: Terms of Reference (Page 116,117)
 - **Contributions** – to acknowledge those organizations who provided the images found in the Plan (Page 124)



Disband the Growth Plan Update Task Force

Recommended Motion

That the Capital Region Board disband the Growth Plan Update Task Force effective immediately and that its mandate and authorities be terminated.

And,

That the Capital Region Board approve the Growth Plan Update Task Force August 18, 2016 meeting minutes.

Background

- The Capital Region Board approved the establishment of a Task Force to provide the political oversight and direction for updating of the Capital Region Board Growth Plan.
- The seven member Task Force was appointed by the Board on November 14, 2013 and the Board approved the Terms of Reference on May 8, 2014.
- The primary project deliverable was to prepare the first 5 Year comprehensive review of the 2010 Growth Plan, *Growing Forward*, as part of the Board's commitment to the Province to 'evergreen' the Plan and in accordance with the Board's Regulation.
- After 35 months of work, on September 8, 2016, The Task Force presented the Board with the final draft of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan for its review and consideration. Following Board approval, the Plan is due to the Province by October 31, 2016.
- It is recommended that the Growth Plan Update Task Force be disbanded effective immediately and discharged of any further responsibility.

Rationale

- The Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan is the sole deliverable of the Growth Plan Update Task Force and the delivery of the final draft plan to the Capital Region Board on September 8, 2016, represents the completion of its mandate in accordance with the Terms of Reference.
- Any requirement for further work with the Plan shall be addressed by Board and that the Board approve the August 18th Growth Plan Task Force Minutes.

Attachments:

1. Growth Plan Task Force Terms of Reference
2. Growth Plan Update Task Force Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2016



CRB Administration Recommendation to the Capital Region Board

October 13, 2016

Draft Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) 2.0

Recommended Motion

That the Capital Region Board receive the Draft Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) 2.0 for information and direct members to provide comments to CRB administration on the proposed draft on or before October 27, 2016.

Background

- Ministerial Order No. L:270/10 – Regional Evaluation Framework (REF), was approved November 29, 2010 with an effective date of March 31, 2010.
- The purpose of the Regional Evaluation Framework is to confirm that new municipal statutory plans and statutory plan amendments proposed by member municipalities are consistent with the Capital Region Board Regulation and the Capital Region Growth Plan.
- The Regional Evaluation Framework needs to be updated to align with the Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Growth Plan. The update of REF also provides the opportunity to make changes that streamline the submission criteria, remove redundancy and bring clarity to the document.
- A working group of five municipal representatives and CRB staff met on two occasions, in late August and early September, to draft an updated REF. The working group draft was presented to CRB member municipal staff at a workshop on September 26, 2016 for their input and further revision.
- The Workshop Draft of REF 2.0 was referred to UDI Edmonton for comments, which will be presented as part of the discussion at the October 13, 2016 Board meeting.

Summary of Proposed Revisions

- All new statutory plans require submission except sub-area structure plans and country residential in already zoned or designated areas.
- MDP & IDP amendments are no longer mandatory referrals.
- Submission process for statutory plan amendments simplified by reducing current two step screening process to one step.
- Removed population and employment forecast evaluation criteria.
- Simplified the evaluation criteria to require consistency with the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan rather than just the land use plan and maps in the growth plan as in the existing REF.
- Updated terminology to align with Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan.
- No changes to the REF administrative processes.

Attachment:

1. Ministerial Order L:270/10 – Regional Evaluation Framework
2. Regional Evaluation Framework 2.0 – Workshop Draft



Governance, Priorities & Finance
Committee recommendation to the
Capital Region Board

October 13, 2016

Policy G019 – Capital Region Board Membership

Recommended Motion

That the Capital Region Board approve Policy G019 as recommended by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee.

Background

- The Capital Region Board approved Policy G019 – *Capital Region Board Membership Review Process* on September 10, 2015.
- In accordance with Policy G001 – *Policies*, any new policy must be reviewed after one year.
- After the membership review process was triggered in 2015, an amendment was made to ensure the link between any change in membership and its impact on the voting structure is made when notifying the Province. The amendment was made based on comments collected at that time.
- On September 22, 2016, the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee recommended the Policy G019 to the Board for approval.

Attachment:

1. Policy G019 – Capital Region Board Membership Review Process – clean
2. Policy G019 – Capital Region Board Membership Review Process – track changes



Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee recommendation to the Capital Region Board

October 13, 2016

Capital Region Board Policies G010, G011, A007, A008 and A009

Recommended Motion

That the Capital Region Board approve Policy G010, G011, A007, A008 and A009 as recommended by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee.

Background

The Capital Region Board has established a consistent approach and philosophy for the development, review and approval of policies according to Policy G001 - *Policy Development*. Since 2010, the Board has approved corporate policies pertaining to administration, finance, governance.

Rationale

Current policies and procedures continue to be updated as a result of the 2013 CRB committee structure decision, and new policies developed based on Board direction and needs. The attached policies are to be reviewed by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee for Board approval.

On September 22, 2016, the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee recommended the 2017 Municipal Election Transition Plan to the Capital Region Board for Information.

There is one policy that remains to be reviewed as part of the four year review process:

1. G005 - Board Meeting Procedures

New Policies include:

1. A007 – Media Relations
2. A008 – Advocacy & Communications
3. A009 – CRB Website

Policies currently under development:

1. G020 – Housing
2. G021 – Transit
3. G022 – Land Use

Attachments:

1. G010 – Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair
2. G011 – Board and Committee Member Code of Conduct and Ethics
3. A007 – Media Relations
4. A008 – Advocacy & Communications
5. A009 – CRB Website



Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee recommendation to the Capital Region Board

October 13, 2016

2017 Municipal Election Transition Plan

Recommended Motion

That the Capital Region Board receive for information the 2017 Municipal Election Transition Plan as recommended by the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee.

Status:

- On September 22, 2016, the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee recommended the 2017 Municipal Election Transition Plan to the Capital Region Board for Information.

Background

- Every four years a municipal election takes place.
- Historically, 33 per cent of Board membership changes following an election, along with a similar percentage of committee members.
- Factors considered in transition:
 - Meetings are adjusted to accommodate election period.
 - Budget schedule is adjusted to ensure it works with operational timelines, Board meetings, and Committee meetings.
 - Transition of Board Chair and Committee Chairs is planned out to ensure smooth transition.
 - An orientation day is planned to provide for education of regional projects, socializing, education, highlighted by a Meet & Greet with regional MLAs.
 - Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee made an amendment in the plan to ensure there will be no meetings during the four week period before the election.
 - Individual items such as decisions on Board Chair and appointment of auditors will still come before the Board for approval.

Attachment:

1. 2017 Municipal Election Transition Plan



2017/18 Proposed Budget

Recommended Motions

That the Governance Priorities & Finance Committee recommend the draft 2017/18 budget to the Capital Region Board for information.

Background

- The Capital Region Board has been funded by the Government of Alberta since its inception in 2008.
- It is assumed the Government of Alberta will provide an operating grant of \$2.5 million to the Capital Region Board for 2017/18. This may have to be revisited in spring 2017 once the Province releases its budget.
- On September 22, 2016 the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee met in camera to discuss the impact to budget with three options examined. Additionally, they reviewed three distinct areas for consideration; opportunities, current and potential revenue streams, and expenses. The GPF has recommended a proposed budget to the Board for discussion. All forms of revenue and expenditures were reviewed in preparation of the recommendation noting that expenses were exclusively where the \$500k reduction has occurred to achieve the \$2.5 million current funding level.
- The assumed Grant of \$2.5 million and the incorporated committee Workplans, totals \$3,985,000 needed to achieve the requested Workplans.

The initial draft budget for 2017/18 has been prepared with;

- 1) A membership funding request for \$1,000,000 – **therefore a budget of \$3.5 million**
- 2) At the request of the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee, administration has included the view of a fixed membership contribution cost sharing formula to \$1,000,000 for information.

The 2017/18 initial draft budget provides an accounting of all the Board's revenues and expenses necessary to undertake Workplan projects identified and approved by the committees, and maintain ongoing operations less an estimated \$485k. Additional work and prioritization will need to occur prior to a finalized draft budget being brought to the Board for their decision in December 2016.

Attachments:

1. 2017/18 Proposed Workplans Budget Summary
2. Growth Plan Implementation 2017/18 Breakout Summary
3. Proposed 2017/18 Proposed Initial Draft Budget – with Membership Contributions
4. Participating Member cost sharing spreadsheets
5. CRB B project lists
6. Proposed 2017-20 Budget – with Membership Contributions

**2016 update of CRB Three Year Advocacy and Communications Strategic Plan****Recommended Motion:**

That the Capital Region Board approve the Three-Year Advocacy and Communications Strategic Plan as updated in September 2016, as recommended by the Advocacy & Monitoring Committee.

Background

An Advocacy and Communications Committee was originally established by the Board in 2009 and charged with the responsibility to develop and execute the Board's advocacy and communications activities.

In recognition of the fact that the breadth, complexity and impact of the Board's work came to require communications with a broader spectrum of stakeholders, the Committee commissioned a Three Year Advocacy and Communications Strategic Plan in 2012.

It was completed and approved in July 2013 and set out a blueprint for action, identifying and addressing CRB's global issues and desired outcomes.

The plan was updated in 2014 and 2015.

Rationale

This 2016 annual update of the plan reports on activities October 2015 – September 2016 and recommends action for 2016/17. It was approved by the Advocacy & Monitoring Committee on September 8, 2016.

Attachments:

1. Three-Year Advocacy and Communications Strategic Plan 2016-2019



Housing Symposium

Background

At the 5th annual ReEnvision Housing Symposium on September 15, 2016 the Capital Region Board assembled a broad range of experts and practitioners to share knowledge and best practices with participants during this event. Emceed by Jodie Wacko from Beaverbrook Communities, the theme explored **Complete Communities** connecting the event with the Board's work on the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan and showcasing both local and regional successes. The sold-out forum explored how municipalities and the private sector can work together to meet the long-term needs of our communities.



The program included:

- Greetings from Chair Nolan Crouse, Mayor Lisa Holmes, and Honourable Lori Sigurdson, Minister of Seniors and Housing
- Our Affordable Future Challenge Announcement
- AM Keynote by Ryan Berlin on Changing Faces & Changing Places: The Future Of People and Housing In The Edmonton Metropolitan Region
- PM Keynote by Doug Griffiths on 13 Ways to Kill Your Community
- Six Breakout Sessions
 - Energy Efficient Affordable Housing
 - Building Homes, Building Hope
 - Urban Agriculture in the Region
 - Community Housing
 - Guide for Canadian Municipalities for the Development of a Housing Action Plan
 - The Industrialization of Building Construction
- Two Breakout Tours on Building Complete Communities – Life In The Rural Area
- Improv messaging by Rapid Fire Theatre
- Panel on Complete Communities with by Eleanor Mohammed; Janet Riopel; Karen Lee; Michael Janz; Shaun Hammond and Moderated by Dr. Sandeep Agrawal
- Wine + Cheese Reception
- Art, Music, Media, and Speakers from the students at the Morinville Community High School

Status

An online survey was distributed to all attendees following the event. The survey closes on October 18, 2016 and final reporting will be presented to the Housing Committee on November 25, 2016.



Our Affordable Future Challenge

Background

The Capital Region Board approved the [Our Affordable Future](#) framework in December 2012.

On January 29, 2016, the Housing Committee approved the Our Affordable Future: Implementation priorities of Recommendation #6 Innovative Development Plans, Product Design, and Built-Forms and #9 Pilot Projects, with an understanding that a community approach engagement (Recommendation #8) should be an integral component of specific projects.

On May 27, 2016, the Housing Committee approved the 2016 Our Affordable Future Challenge to inspire more market affordable housing opportunities through pilot projects.

On July 20, 2016, an open call for submissions was launched.

In August, the call for submissions closed and the jury met to deliberate nine applications based on the criteria (integrity, sustainability, livability, and innovation) outlined and defined in the Our Affordable Future framework.

Jury members included:

- Councillor Dwight Ganske, Capital Region Board Housing Committee Chair
- Sandeep Agrawal, University of Alberta
- Rick Preston, Urban Development Institute
- Kelly Wagar, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

At the September 15, 2016 ReEnvision Symposium, the Capital Region Board announced the two awarded pilot projects: Christenson Developments in Edmonton and the Heartland Housing Foundation in Fort Saskatchewan.

Status

Preliminary meetings are being held in October for both pilot projects.



Capital Region High Occupancy Vehicle/Transit Priority Study Update

Recommended Motion

That the Capital Region Board receive the Capital Region High Occupancy Vehicle/Transit Priority Study update for information.

Background & Update

- On September 8, 2011 the Capital Region Board approved the Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan (IRTMP). The IRTMP was subsequently approved by the Province in 2013 and added as an addendum to the Capital Region Growth Plan. The IRTMP list of Ten Year Investment Priorities included Transit Priority on a select few intermunicipal transportation corridors.
- The 2014 and the 2015 Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan - Prioritization of Regional Transportation Projects reports both ranked a Regional High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Transit Priority Study as the #1 priority on the Functional/Corridor Planning Project List.
- On February 12, 2015 the Capital Region Board approved the 2015/16 Business Plan and Budget including the undertaking of a Regional High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Transit Priority Study by the Transit Committee.
- On September 22, 2016, the consultant presented the final report on the Study to the Transit Committee. The Study:
 - Defined HOV and Transit Priority Measures as they apply to the Capital Region;
 - Created a “menu” of HOV and transit priority strategies and types;
 - Developed an evaluation framework for consideration of HOV/TPMs in the Capital Region;
 - Applied the evaluation framework to priority corridors identified in the IRTMP;
 - Included recommendations and conclusions as to the feasibility and merits of HOV/TPMs in the Capital Region; and,
 - Identified a pilot project corridor - Highway 2 between Leduc and 23rd Avenue.
- The Transit Committee approved three motions following the presentation of the study:
 1. That the Capital Region Board endorse the Capital Region High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Transit Priority Study Report and support Edmonton, Leduc and Leduc County in working with the Province to develop a QE2 HOV/TPM Pilot Project;
 2. That the Capital Region Board direct CRB Administration in advance of Phase 2, to work with Strathcona County and Edmonton to provide a more detailed analysis of a possible HOV/TPM Pilot Project along Baseline Road; and,
 3. That the Transit Committee forward the Capital Region High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Transit Priority Study Report to the Land Use & Planning Committee for its input.

Next Steps

- Following the input from the Land Use & Planning Committee the Study will be presented to the Board for endorsement of the Study and support for the pilot project.

CRB Information Request
IR.2016.02

Request Date	From	Request
September 8, 2016	Leduc County	What are the details for the Agriculture Master Plan identified in the Growth Plan?

Response Date	From	Response
September 12, 2016	Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan includes a new policy area- Agriculture to address a gap in the current Growth Plan. The Agriculture policy area includes three objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identify and conserve an adequate supply of prime agricultural land to provide a secure local food source for future generations ii. Minimize the fragmentation and conversion of prime agricultural lands for non-agricultural uses iii. Promote the diversification and value-added agriculture production and plan infrastructure to support the agricultural sector and regional food system <p>Further, the Plan includes specific policies (6.1.1, 6.1.2) address the need to undertake further work to establish the appropriate policy framework for conserving prime Agricultural Land and to inform other policy areas in the Growth Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Plan identified further work , specifically to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identify Prime Agricultural Lands in the Region through a <i>land evaluation and site assessment tool</i> which will inform ii. A <i>Regional Agriculture Master Plan</i>. The intent is for these two projects to be done in parallel and according to the Resourcing Plan Included in the Plan (Appendix A page 110) is to be completed within 2 years of the Plan approval by the Province. Appendix C in the Plan (page 114) includes a proposed draft Terms of Reference for a Regional Agriculture Master Plan. In the intervening time, should any development be proposed on prime agricultural lands defined by Schedule 11 (includes Greenfield development and conversion to non-agricultural uses) will require an <i>Agricultural Impact Assessment</i> to be completed by a

		<p>qualified professional. Appendix D (page 116) provides a detailed description of the scope of work of an <i>Agricultural Impact Assessment</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several meetings have been held with the Province to establish its willingness to partner with the CRB on this initiative, and they have agreed to assign an ADM as a representative once the Board agrees to proceed. • CRB CEO is in discussions with Province for funding. <p>In addition to specific work described above, Terms of Reference are being developed for a separate project to explore different models for growth that could include models like Transfer Development Credits, Cost / Revenue Sharing, etc.</p>
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