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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE AND UPDATE

Metro Mayors' Alliance

Report Purpose

To provide the Priorities Committee with additional information on the recommendations outlined in the report of the Advisory Panel on Metro Edmonton's Future, "Be Ready, or Be Left Behind".

Council History

July 5, 2016 – The Chair of the Advisory Panel on Metro Edmonton's Future, Don Lowry, and panel member Paul Whittaker made a presentation to Strathcona County Council.

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: The Advisory Panel produced the report titled, "Be Ready, or Be Left Behind", containing advice and recommended options on how best to leverage the combined assets of the Metro Edmonton area over the next 30 to 50 years. The report was commissioned largely as a catalyst to spur collaborative economic strategies to build a prosperous region. There are strong linkages to the top four prioritized strategic goals within the Strategic Plan.

Governance: The recommendations of the report carry implications for intermunicipal collaboration and cooperation. The function of the Capital Region Board may also be impacted.

Social: The report uses areas of concentration focused on regional prosperity for all citizens.

Culture: The emphasis of the report is on regional collaboration and cooperation. The overall sentiment is that municipalities can improve in these functions.

Environment: The report calls for better planning to ensure the best use of land supply and efficient build out of infrastructure.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: Potential memorandum of understanding (MOU) with eight other regional partners.

Interdepartmental: Legislative and Legal Services, Planning and Development Services

Summary

Originating as discussions within an informal group, the Mayors from Sturgeon County, Leduc County, Parkland County, City of Leduc, City of Fort Saskatchewan, St. Albert, City of Edmonton, Spruce Grove and Strathcona County met to discuss a number of issues facing the metro region. A decision was made to proceed with an Advisory Panel.

The Advisory Panel consisted of 12 panel members representing a variety of sectors including: academia, public policy, business, industry, social and not-for-profit agencies, arts and culture, and agriculture. The Panel took broad strategic questions set by the Mayors and reviewed, provided advice and recommended options on how to maximize the combined assets and attributes of the metro Edmonton region for the next 30 to 50 years.

The final report, titled, "Be Ready, or Be Left Behind", was released to the municipalities and the public on June 10, 2016. Panel Chair Don Lowry and panel member Paul Whittaker presented a summary of the report to Strathcona County Council on July 5, 2016.

Enclosures

- 1 Metro Advisory Panel – Final Report
- 2 Metro Advisory Panel Report - Appendices