

Capital Region Board Update

September 20, 2016

Board Highlights

- GIS website
- Matching funds and member contributions
- Membership Review
- Mandate Review
- Economic Development Initiative
- Growth Plan Update

Highlights from Committees

- **Land Use and Planning**

- Energy Corridors Master Plan
- Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan – Annual Priorities

- **Transit**

- Specialized Transit Needs Assessment Pilot
- Joint CRB/CRP Transit Committee Meeting
- Regional Household Travel Survey
- GreenTRIP Priorities List

Highlights from Committees

- **Housing**

- Housing Symposium
- Sub-regional Housing Needs Assessments
 - Fort Saskatchewan/Strathcona County sub-region report
- Housing Needs Assessment Workshop

- **Advocacy and Monitoring**

- Engagement with New Government

- **Governance, Priorities, and Finance**

- Policy Review
- Board Chair and Committee Structure Reviews

Growth Plan Update Timeline

- **March, 2014** first GPU Task Force Meeting
- **June, 2015** revised project deadline from December 2015 to October 2016
- **August 18, 2016** GPU Task Force approved third draft of plan
- **September 8, 2016** Notice of Motion given at Board Meeting for final version of the plan
- **October 13, 2016** Capital Region Board to vote on Growth Plan Update
- Once passed by the Board the Growth Plan Update will be submitted to the Province. The updated Growth Plan takes affect once approved by the Province.

Growth Plan Update

Guiding Principles

1. Collaborate and coordinate as a Region to manage growth responsibly
2. Promote global economic competitiveness and regional prosperity
3. Achieve compact growth that optimizes infrastructure investment
4. Ensure effective regional mobility
5. Recognize and celebrate the diversity of communities and promote an excellent quality of life across the Region
6. Ensure the wise management of prime agricultural resources
7. Protect natural living systems and environmental assets

Growth Plan Update

Six Interdependent Policy Areas

- Economic Competitiveness and Employment
- Natural Living Systems
- Communities and Housing
- Integration of Land Use and Infrastructure
- Transportation Systems
- Agriculture

Gaps in Growth Plan 1.0

- Lack of cohesive vision
- Recognition of diversity within the region
- Alignment of growth patterns with infrastructure investment
- Implementation mechanisms were not explicit or integrated within the plan
- Policies lacked clarity
- Policy gaps
- Multiple documents were difficult to navigate, understand and interpret

Changes with Growth Plan 2.0

- One integrated plan
- Introducing the Metropolitan Regional Structure
- New policy areas – agriculture and economic competitiveness and employment
- Strengthen existing policy areas
- Integrated implementation plan
- Integrated monitoring and reporting

Outcome of Draft Growth Plan 2.0

Metropolitan Regional Structure

- Removal of Priority Growth Areas and introduction of the Metropolitan Regional Structure:
- *Metropolitan Core* - central Edmonton.
- *Metropolitan Area* - suburban Edmonton and larger urban municipalities surrounding Edmonton containing the highest concentration of future growth and development.
- *Rural Area* – lands beyond the Metropolitan Area containing Agricultural lands, hamlets, towns, villages and country residential.

Outcome of Draft Growth Plan 2.0

Metropolitan Regional Structure

- Sherwood Park is located within the Metropolitan Area.
- Bremner – south of Point aux Pins Creek - within the Metropolitan Area
north of Point aux Pins Creek - within the Rural Area.
- Colchester is located within the Rural Area.
- Development Expansion Area is located within the Rural Area.

Outcome of Draft Growth Plan 2.0

Density Targets

- New greenfield development in Sherwood Park and Bremner will require a minimum density of 40 du/nrha.
- Ardrossan is recognized as a Rural Centre (Growth Hamlet). New greenfield development will require a minimum density of 20 du/nrha.
- Existing approved Area Concept Plans and Area Structure Plans are grandfathered.

Outcome of Draft Growth Plan 2.0

Density Targets

- Sherwood Park has an Urban Centre Aspirational Density Target of 100 du/nrha.
- Aspirational Intensification Target of 17.5% for Built-up Urban Area.
- Built-up Urban Area, Intensification Areas and Urban Centres are to be defined by Strathcona County through the Municipal Development Plan.

Outcome of Draft Growth Plan 2.0

Additional Policies

- Country Residential policies result in no new Country Residential opportunities for Strathcona County aside from what is already designated under the existing MDP (Country Residential Policy Area).
- Alberta Industrial Heartland, West of 21, Sherwood Park Industrial, and Refinery Row area all recognized as Major Employment Areas.
- Plans for an integrated regional transit system.
- Future work to be completed on a Regional Agriculture Master Plan that will conserve and maintain a secure supply of prime agricultural land in the region.

Emerging Issues And Next Steps

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