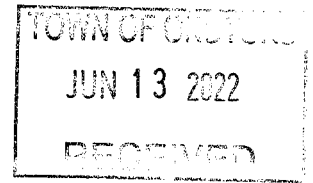




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Mr. Greg Clark
Chair
Calgary Metropolitan Region Board
305, 602 - 11 Avenue SW
Calgary AB T2R 1J8

Dear Mr. Clark:

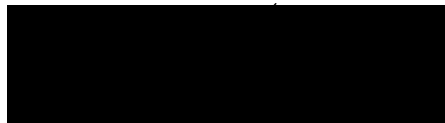
As you know, I have been carefully reviewing the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (CMRB) proposed Growth Plan, Servicing Plan, and Regional Evaluation Framework to ensure an appropriate balance between sustainable growth and opportunities for economic development.

I have consulted at length with members of the CMRB and stakeholders in the region. I listened to the perspectives of both urban and rural municipalities, considered best practices in land-use planning, and have concluded that amendments must be made to the Growth Plan and Regional Evaluation Framework to allow for sufficient development opportunities in rural areas.

As a result, I intend to make changes to the Growth Plan and the Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) to establish a new Placetype: Rural Employment Areas, which will allow certain types of developments to occur without board approval, and new size parameters for residential developments to ensure that developments below a certain size will also not require board approval. As well, I intend to enact a number of other less substantive changes to the REF to reinforce the importance of economic development within the region.

I have asked Municipal Affairs staff to work directly with the CMRB administration to examine various aspects of the Growth Plan, Servicing Plan, and Regional Evaluation Framework (such as maps and tables) that would need to be updated to implement these changes. I am optimistic these plans will help the Calgary Metropolitan Region grow and thrive. I look forward to sharing the approved plans with you shortly.

Sincerely,



Ric McIver
Minister

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Mayor Jyoti Gondek, City of Calgary
Mayor Jeff Colvin, City of Chestermere
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Mayor Craig Snodgrass, Town of High River
Mayor Tanya Thorn, Town of Okotoks
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