

CMRB UPDATE

Town of Okotoks

January 2024



Growth Management Boards in Alberta

CMRB was formed as a result of the modernized Municipal Government Act (MGA)

Mandatory Growth Management Board in both the Edmonton and Calgary regions

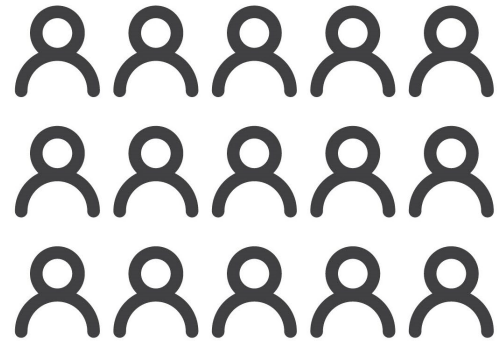
- Established in Section 708.02(1.1) of the MGA
- A growth management board is a government corporation 708.03(1)
- CMRB came into existence on January 1, 2018



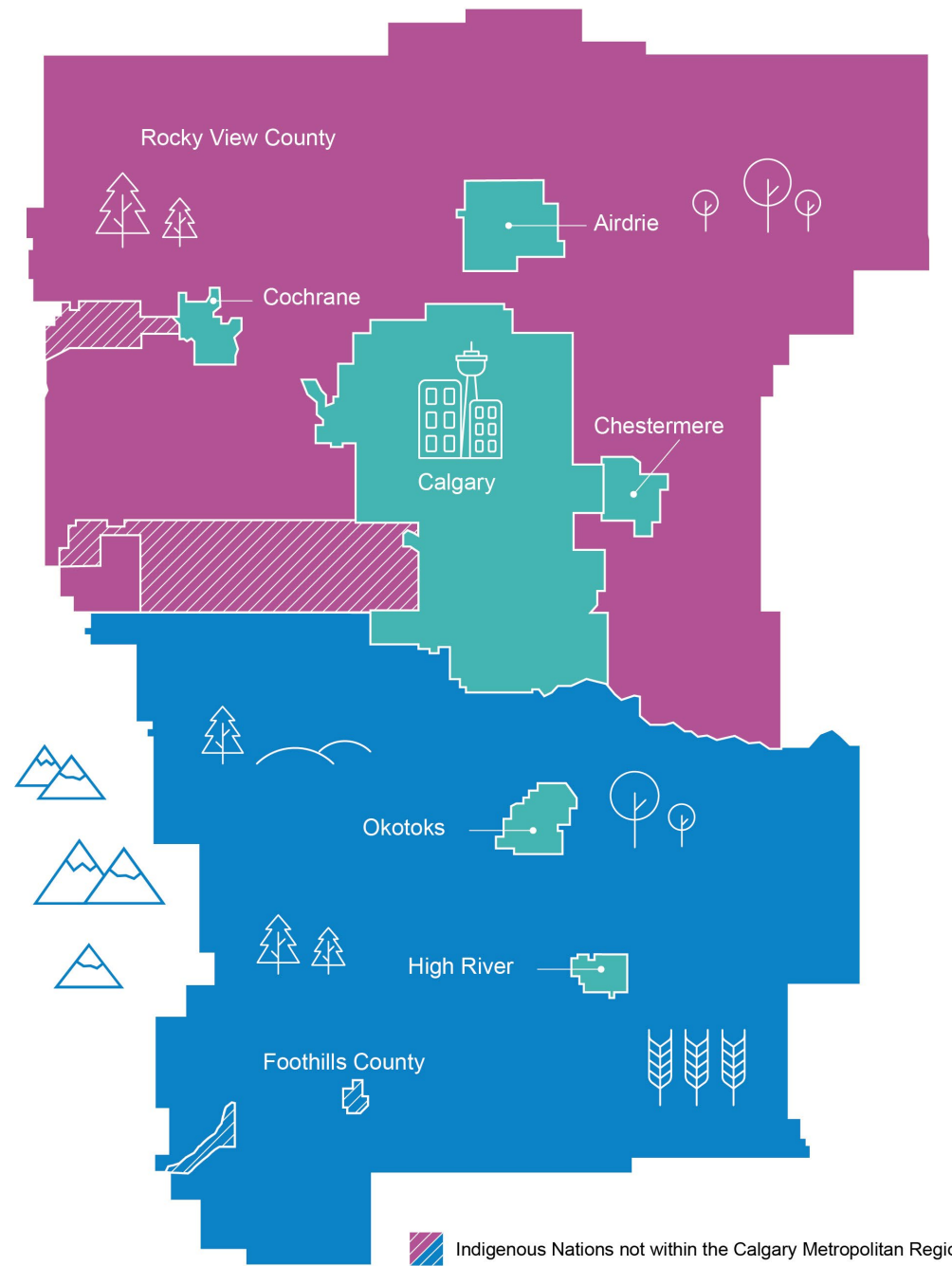
The Calgary Metropolitan Region

8
MUNICIPALITIES

MORE THAN
8,500
SQUARE KM



1.574
MILLION PEOPLE



Board Mandate

The Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Regulation outlines the Mandate of the Board.

The Board shall

- (a) strive towards consensus regarding matters before the Board,
- (b) promote the long-term sustainability of the Calgary Metropolitan Region,
- (c) ensure environmentally responsible land-use planning, growth management and efficient use of land,
- (d) develop policies regarding the coordination of regional infrastructure investment and service delivery,
- (e) promote the economic well-being and competitiveness of the Calgary Metropolitan Region,
- (f) develop policies outlining how the Board shall engage the public on the growth plan and the servicing plan, and
- (g) be limited in its mandate and role to those powers given to the Board under the Act and this Regulation.

Board Vision



VISION STATEMENT

Building on thousands of years of history, we welcome everyone to join us in living happy, healthy and prosperous lives in a spectacular natural environment. We are a world leading region built on hard work, resilience, helping others and a deep respect for nature. We use our land wisely, share our services and care for our wildlife, air and water. We grow together.

The Benefits of Regional Cooperation

- Increase competitiveness on a global stage
- Attract the next wave of young talent and economic growth
- Save taxpayer dollars through more efficient service delivery
- Reduce land consumption
- Reduce intermunicipal conflicts over time through implementation of a common vision
- Create greater market certainty by identifying preferred locations for growth

Regional Evaluation Framework

- Since August 15, 2022 CMRB Administration has processed eight REF applications
- This included:
 - 5 approved applications
 - 2 withdrawn applications
 - 1 application pending decision

Initiatives

- **Digitization of Existing & Approved Land use (DEAL) version 2**
 - Update the land use data to help inform multiple future projects
 - Completed June 2023.
- **Regional Economic Development Vision and Framework**
 - Report completed and approved mid-2023
 - Currently interviewing municipal administrations to
 - Determine Municipal Economic Development efforts across the Region
 - Define 'Tier 1' opportunities
 - Finalize a structure for Collaborate Regional Economic Development

Initiatives

- **Indigenous Relations**
 - Ongoing dialogue through organized meetings with Indigenous Nations – maintain momentum
 - Demonstrating continued learning about history and experiences through attendance at Indigenous celebrations around the region
 - Co-create initiatives (e.g. Additions to Reserve Framework, other)
 - Celebrate through partnerships and plan for stories from the land with Indigenous stakeholders
 - Stories of the Land pilot project proceeding – several potential sites have been identified

Initiatives

- **Joint Planning Areas (JPA)**
 - JPA Terms of Reference have all been filed with the Board and work is progressing in all four areas
 - JPA Context Studies must be approved by the Board no later than August 15, 2025
- **Environmentally Sensitive Areas**
 - Implementation Framework for ESA policies in GP
 - Regional ESA database v1 (ESRI)
 - Identify data gaps and recommend strategies to fill gaps such as through ESA studies completed for ASPs/ARPs
 - Recommend planning and mitigation strategies to fulfill the Board's Vision and the CMR Growth Plan
 - Targeting completion in Q1, 2024

DRAFT 5 Year Planning

Joint Planning Area
Context Study Due (4)
Aug 15, 2025

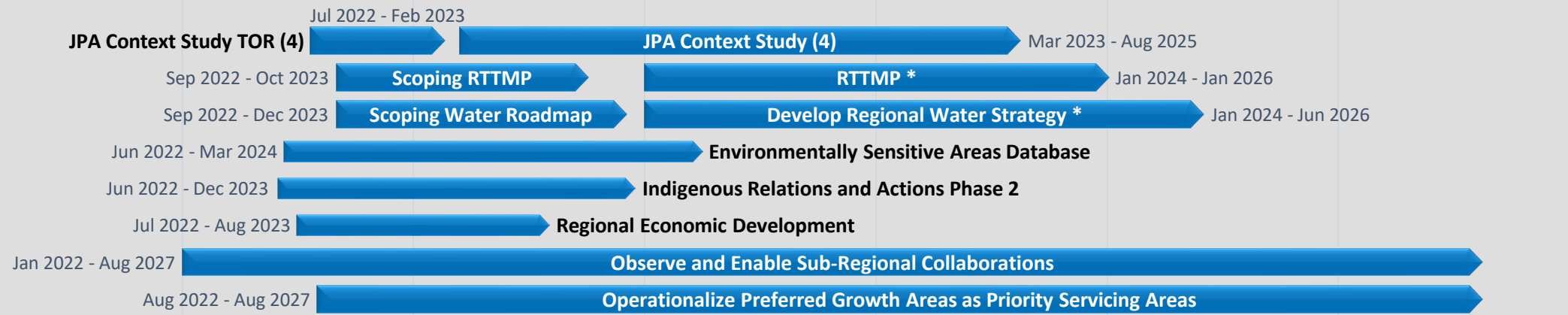
Growth Plan &
Servicing Plan
Update Due to
Minister
Aug 15, 2027



Plan Implementation



Board Strategic Initiatives



* Indicates variability in scope. Cost & level of effort will vary.

Policing Background Report to be determined

JPA – Joint Planning Area

RTTMP – Regional Transportation and Transit Master Plan

TOR – Terms of Reference



Next Steps

- **Future work of the Board:**
 - Stewards of the Growth and Servicing Plans
 - Conducting further work identified in the Plans
 - New areas of focus not contained in the Plans
- **Regional stakeholders and experts, including development community are being engaged as appropriate**



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Appendix Slides

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Growth Management Approach

- Preferred Placetypes must be in Preferred Growth Areas
- Proportion of Preferred Placetypes must be identified in Municipal Development Plans:
 - 90% in City of Calgary
 - 75% in other Urban Municipalities
 - 60% in Hamlet Growth Areas
- Employment Areas **may** be located outside preferred growth areas if approved by the Board (example: Springbank Airport)
- Minister added a Rural Employment Area placetype for smaller, lower service employment areas outside Preferred Growth Areas

Regional Placetypes



Infill and Redevelopment



Mixed Use Centre /
Transit Oriented Development



Masterplan Community



Employment Area



Residential Community



Rural and Country Cluster



Rural Employment Area

Regional Servicing Plan



SERVICING PLAN PRIORITIES



Transportation and Transit

- Context Studies in Joint Planning Areas
- Regional Transit and Transportation Master Plan
- Transportation Corridors for Economic Development



Long Term Water Strategy

- Watershed Planning
- Water Use and Efficiency
- Opportunities for Learning



Water and Wastewater Utilities

- Subregional Servicing
- Stormwater Management
- Stormwater Use and Reuse



Regional Initiatives

- Context Studies
- Recreation
- Municipal Collaboration

REF Decision Appeal Process

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