



## CRBnow: Growth Plan 2.0 takes shape, first draft goes public

It's Go time.

The first draft of **Growth Plan 2.0**, the five-year update of CRB's Regional Growth Plan, was reviewed by CAOs March 31 and released and considered by the Growth Plan Update (GPU) Task Force at its meeting last week.

On April 14 the Board approved the Plan's Table of Contents, paving the way for work to begin on draft 2, which will integrate all feedback from now until the end of April.

A Stakeholder engagement and feedback session was held April 15.

Draft 2, published mid-June, will be scrutinized by the Board, stakeholders and the public through the summer to inform a final draft scheduled for August.

See the GP 2.0 process schedule [here](#)

At the Task Force meeting April 13, Chair Roxanne Carr outlined the key elements of GP 2.0:

- **the current Growth Plan is the *foundation* of this update**
- **existing policies have been *revised to fit with the current context***
- ***new policies* have been added to address gaps**

As well there is a new **Implementation Plan** that now provides a **structure** to support the intent of the Plan.

"Congratulations. Today we are celebrating the first draft, which represents the beginning of ***the final leg of this journey*** on behalf of the future of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region. It is s the culmination of the ***substantial review and insightful deliberations*** that will continue through the next few months toward the final plan." -Roxanne Carr, April 13, 2016

**Upcoming process and consultations:**

- **In May** – Project Manager Sharon Shuya and I will embark on a “**Muni Road Show**”, travelling to meet with every member individually for a couple of hours to talk about the Growth Plan with a view to discussing its potential local impacts. A templated local impact assessment will be sent to the municipality prior to the meeting.

#### Public meetings:

- **On June 9** – Strathcona County will co-host a **Regional Town Hall Meeting** at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre following the June Board meeting there. All regional councillors will be invited in order to learn about and discuss the draft of Growth Plan 2.0.
- **From June 15-29** – The Task Force will again host five **Regional Road Shows** - similar to the ones we hosted across the region last June. Again, the draft will be introduced for information and feedback. All times are 7-8:30. All open to the public. All presentations will be the same. With our thanks to the hosts, Road Shows take place **June 15** - **Sturgeon County** Council Chambers; **June 16 Leduc County** Nisku Recreation Centre; **June 22 Parkland County** Council Chambers; **June 23 Fort Saskatchewan** Dow Centennial Centre, and **June 29 Edmonton** La Cite Francophone.

#### **Board consideration:**

- **The July 14 Board meeting** – Is proposed to be a facilitated *In camera* meeting devoted to discussing the draft 2 of Growth Plan 2.0. Intended to be a frank session to review the concerns that will be identified in the May one-on-one meetings with the Mayors and Councils, as well as during the June public consultation Road Shows, this meeting is intended for Board members, Board Alternates, and Task Force members only.
- **At the September 8 Board meeting**, the Notice of Motion to approve the Final Plan on October 13, 2016 will come forward.

The Growth Plan Update or **Growth Plan 2.0** is our major focus/deliverable for 2016.

*Malcolm Bruce, MSM  
CRB CEO*

## Quick & Noteworthy

***Emergency GPF Committee meeting called to review CRB Budget cuts  
In light of the \$500,000 cut to the CRB announced in the April 14 Provincial Budget, an emergency meeting of the Governance, Priorities & Finance Committee will be called to review the impacts and consequences of this 17% decrease in Board funding for the current year.***

#### **Joint CRB/CRP Provincial Transit Engagement continues April 28**

A third Joint Provincial Transit Engagement Session, sponsored by AB Transportation, along with CRB and the Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) will take place April 28 in Red Deer. The attendance of Transportation Minister Brian Mason has been confirmed. These joint meetings focus

on the development of a provincial transit policy, which currently does not exist.

### **Regional Housing Needs Assessment reports approved**

With the Board's approval this month of the Regional and Sub-Regional Housing Needs Assessment reports, the substantive work of planning to meet the needs of housing the region will begin in the next phase of work. On deck: elected officials and regional housing experts will meet soon for a Housing Workshop. The purpose of the gathering is to review identified needs on a sub-regional basis in order to first develop a model for sub-regional planning. Ultimately, the goal is to have a rolling 10-year regional housing plan based on this work.

### **DON'T FORGET: *Collaborate to Compete* Symposium, Winnipeg June 2**

Discover new paths and inspire action as we embark on regional economic development in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region. Hear from regional and economic development stakeholders to consider just how this collaborative model is being used – or could be used – in Canada and North America:

- What conditions are necessary for a healthy, competitive and diversified region?
- Why must we work together to make this happen?
- How does the policy and regulatory environment, affordable housing, transportation and other infrastructure play a role in being a competitive diversified region?