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MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. MSL:111/17

I, Shaye Anderson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to Section 13(2) of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Regulation, make the following order:

1. The Regional Evaluation Framework attached as Schedule A to this Order is hereby established.
2. Regional Evaluation Framework takes effect on the signing of this Order.
3. Ministerial Order No. L:270/10 is repealed effective the date specified in paragraph 2 above.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 26th day of October, 2017.


Shaye Anderson
Minister of Municipal Affairs

Regional Evaluation Framework (REF) 2.0

1.0 Introduction

The Capital Region Board (the "Board") has been directed through the Capital Region Board Regulation to implement the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan subsequent to its adoption by the Government of Alberta. The Regional Evaluation Framework provides the Board with the authority to evaluate and approve member municipal statutory plans to ensure alignment with the principles and policies of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan.

2.0 Purpose

The purpose of the Regional Evaluation Framework (the "REF") is to provide member municipalities with criteria to determine when new municipal statutory plans and statutory plan amendments must be submitted to the Board for approval and procedures for submission. Further, the REF establishes statutory plan evaluation criteria and procedures for the Board to follow in the review and approval of local plans of regional significance to ensure they are consistent with the long-term regional interests identified in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan.

3.0 Definitions

In addition to the definitions contained in the Capital Region Board Regulation (the "Regulation"), words defined in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan shall be given the same meaning for the purposes of this Regional Evaluation Framework.

4.0 Statutory Plan Referral by a Municipality

A municipality must review and refer to the Board any proposed statutory plan or statutory plan amendment pursuant to the following:

4.1 New Statutory Plans

A municipality must refer to the Board any proposed new statutory plan, except for

- a) a new sub-area structure plan that is subordinate to and consistent with its higher order area structure plan or area redevelopment plan;
- b) a new area structure plan for country residential development within the zoned and/or designated country residential areas as depicted on Schedule 2: Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Structure to 2044 in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan; or,
- c) a new area structure plan in a town or village with a population of less than 5000 that is consistent with the town or village municipal development plan.

4.2 Amendments to Statutory Plans

A municipality must refer to the Board any proposed amendment to a statutory plan that meets one or more of the following conditions:

- a) The proposed amendment to a municipal development plan is pursuant to Chapter 5, section 5.1.3 of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan for the purpose of updating the municipal development plan to conform to the Growth Plan.
- b) The proposed amendment to a municipal development plan would result in the development of new country residential outside of zoned and/or designated country residential areas as depicted on Schedule 2: Edmonton Metropolitan Regional Structure to 2044 in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan.
- c) The proposed statutory plan amendment would result in a change to the boundaries of an area structure plan, area redevelopment plan, intermunicipal development plan, urban service area, growth hamlet or hamlet that is not designated a growth hamlet in a Municipal Development Plan where the boundary change includes a population gain of more than 200 and/or an increase in area of 32 ha or more in the hamlet.
- d) The proposed statutory plan amendment is outside Downtown Edmonton, as depicted on Schedule 3A: Major Employment Areas in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan, and would result in the conversion of lands within a major employment area from major employment uses to non-employment uses and/or would result in a change to the boundaries of a major employment area.
- e) The effect of the proposed statutory plan amendment requires the extension and/or increase in the capacity of the Regional Water and Wastewater Lines, as identified on Schedule 8A: Infrastructure Corridors in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan, or to Regional Water or Wastewater treatment facilities.
- f) The boundaries of the proposed amendment to the statutory plan are within 0.8 km of a pipeline corridor as depicted on Schedule 8B: Energy Corridors in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan.
- g) The proposed statutory plan amendment results in a decrease of the planned density of the statutory plan area.
- h) The effect of the proposed statutory plan amendment requires improvements to a road identified on Schedule 10A: Transportation Systems – Regional Roads to 2044 in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan.
- i) The boundaries of the proposed amendment to the statutory plan intersect with a Recreation Trail Corridor as depicted on Schedule 10B: Transportation Systems – Regional Transit and Trails to 2044 in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan.
- j) The plan area of the proposed amendment to the statutory plan includes a Park and Ride or Planned LRT line or the boundaries of the proposed amendment to the statutory plan are within 0.8 km of a Park and Ride or Planned LRT line as identified on Schedule 10B: Transportation Systems – Regional Transit and Trails to 2044 in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan.
- k) The boundaries of the proposed statutory plan amendment are within 1.6 km of the boundaries of the Edmonton International Airport or the Alberta's Industrial Heartland Area Structure Plans in Sturgeon County, Lamont County, Strathcona County, Fort Saskatchewan, and the Edmonton Energy and Technology Park in Edmonton.

4.3 Statutory Plan Consolidations and Housekeeping Bylaws

Notwithstanding sections 4.1 and 4.2 above, municipalities do not need to submit proposed statutory plans and/or statutory plan amendments to consolidate bylaws into one bylaw or bylaws to correct or update clerical, technical, grammatical, and/or typographical errors and omissions that do not materially affect the statutory plan in principle or substance in accordance with the Municipal Government Act.

5.0 Referral of Statutory Plans

5.1 Statutory plans or statutory plan amendments referred to the Capital Region Board pursuant to sections 4 must be referred to the Board after 1st reading and before 3rd reading of a bylaw or bylaws.

5.2 A statutory plan or statutory plan amendment referred by a municipality to the Board must include:

- a) the proposed statutory plan or statutory plan amendment bylaw;
- b) sufficient documentation to explain the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment;
- c) sufficient information to ensure that the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment can be evaluated pursuant to the evaluation criteria in section 8.0; and
- d) a copy of the most recent amended plan without the proposed amendment.

6.0 Board Administration Review

6.1 Within 25 working days of the date on which the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment referral is found to be complete by the Board, the Board Administration must present to the Board a report and recommendation to either approve or reject the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment.

7.0 Board Review and Decision

7.1 At the meeting at which the Board administration report and recommendation are presented the Board may, by consensus, approve or reject the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment.

7.2 In the event that consensus is not achieved a formal vote of the Board must be conducted, in accordance with the voting and notification provisions of the Capital Region Board Regulation and the Board's procedural bylaw.

7.3 Prior to a vote on a statutory plan or statutory plan amendment the Board must hear:

- a) from the Board administration; and,
- b) from the municipality proposing the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment.

8.0 Evaluation of a Statutory Plan or Statutory Plan Amendment

8.1 When evaluating a statutory plan or statutory plan amendment, the Board must consider whether approval and full implementation of the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment would result in development that is consistent with the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan.

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- 8.2 Notwithstanding 8.1 above, when evaluating a statutory plan amendment to a statutory plan, other than a municipal development plan, approved by the Board under the Capital Region Growth Plan: Growing Forward, the Board may use the density targets of that plan rather than the density provisions within the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan. All other provisions of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan shall be in effect for evaluation purposes.