



## Metropolitan Region Servicing Plan Task Force

Friday, September 6, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

La Cité Francophone, Hall Jean-Louis Dentinger  
8627 Rue Marie-Anne Gaboury NW, Edmonton, AB

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### Task Force Members:

Ray Ralph, *Town of Devon (Chair)*  
Dave Anderson, *Strathcona County (Vice Chair)*  
Gordon Harris, *City of Fort Saskatchewan*  
Don Iveson, *City of Edmonton*  
Tanni Doblanko, *Leduc County*  
Ray Watkins, *City of St. Albert*  
William Choy, *Town of Stony Plain*

### Advisory Group Members:

Kendra Raymond, *City of Beaumont*  
Paresh Dhariya, *Town of Devon*  
Shawn Olson, *City of Leduc*  
Grant Bain, *Leduc County*  
Brad White, *Town of Morinville*  
Corey Levasseur, *City of Spruce Grove*

### Technical Working Group Members:

Michael Labrecque, *City of Edmonton*  
Leo Girard, *Parkland County*

### EMRB Staff:

Karen Wichuk, *CEO*  
Sharon Shuya, *Director, Regional Growth Planning*  
Barry Huybens, *MRSP Senior Project Manager*  
Bryan Haggarty, *Director, Strategic Initiatives and Operations*  
Dan Rose, *Senior Communications Advisor*  
Carol Moreno, *Project Coordinator*

### Guests:

Joseana Lara, *Town of Devon*  
David Hales, *City of Edmonton*  
Greg Hofmann, *City of Edmonton*  
Avril McCalla, *City of Edmonton*  
Brian McCosh, *City of Edmonton*  
Grant Schaffer, *City of Fort Saskatchewan*  
Brandy Kelly, *City of Leduc*  
Rod Shaigec, *Parkland County*  
Kevin Cole, *Strathcona County*  
Nancy Lyzaniwski, *Strathcona County*  
Natasha De Sandi, *Sturgeon County*  
Dale Beesley, *Government of Alberta*  
Julie Edney, *Interested Public*  
Brandi Thorne, *CSU 52*



## 1. Opening

### 1.1 Quorum

Quorum achieved; 6 of 7 voting members present.

### 1.2 Call to Order

Chair Ralph called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

### 1.3 Chair Opening Remarks

Chair Ralph welcomed members of the Task Force and regional stakeholders. Opening remarks included hopes that the MRSP would be substantive, focused and clear in the discussion of MRSP implementation. The Chair also commented that regional cooperation towards efficiency and effectiveness are extremely relevant in light of the Government of Alberta's receipt of the MacKinnon Report.

Sharon Shuya, Director of Regional Growth Planning, was introduced as the facilitator for this meeting. Ms. Shuya summarized the meeting outcomes, highlighted that ADM Dale Beesley would offer some comments on behalf of the Province related to their expectations for the inaugural MRSP.

## 2. Approval of Agenda

MRSP19-14

**Motion:** That the Metropolitan Region Servicing Plan Task Force approve the September 6, 2019 meeting agenda.

**Moved by:** Councillor Anderson

**Accepted by:** Chair

**Decision:** Carried unanimously

## 3. Approval of Minutes

MRSP19-15

**Motion:** That the Metropolitan Region Servicing Plan Task Force approve the July 12, 2019 meeting minutes.

**Moved by:** Mayor Doblanko

**Accepted by:** Chair

**Decision:** Carried unanimously

*Mayor Choy joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.*

## 4. Review Task Force Meeting Outcomes from July 12, 2019

Ms. Shuya led the Task Force in an overview of direction provided at the previous meeting.

## **5. Review Advisory Group Guidance from August 26, 2019**

Mr. Huybens summarized discussions from the previous Advisory Group meeting. Guidance offered by the Advisory Group included replacing “MRSP X” with “MRSP Standing Committee”, endorsing a staged approach to implementing all four Collaboratives, estimating resource implications related to the proposed MRSP implementation, strongly encouraging full participation in Collaboratives instead of mandatory participation, and highlighting the MRSP’s value proposition of improved efficiency and effectiveness for both the Region and individual municipalities. Members of the Advisory Group also offered their comments in support of these points and echoed the value of proceeding with all four Collaboratives.

## **6. Resource Implications for MRSP**

Mr. Huybens outlined the current and estimated future resource implications related to executing the proposed MRSP. The Advisory Group recognized that, in addition to the time required by elected officials to attend meetings, municipal staff also contribute their time to reading materials, briefing and debriefing members, etc. and the expected level of effort, as is current, would likely vary by municipality and Collaboratives. Current municipal efforts toward regional and sub-regional collaboration (e.g., Task Force, ERWAC) could/should offset several areas of municipal efforts toward the Collaboratives and a MRSP Standing Committee.

Ms. Shuya pointed out that MRSP appears to be an example of SISB that requires thinking more broadly, more creatively. She clarified that the Task Force was comfortable with the analysis as presented.

## **7. Prioritization for Collaboratives for MRSP**

Mr. Huybens emphasized to the Task Force that while the MRSP is a legislative requirement, there is the opportunity and enthusiasm to advance regional metropolitan servicing discussions such as Collaboratives. The proposed prioritization exercise was intended to align with the purpose and goals of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan as well as the EMRB Strategic Plan. Mr. Huybens underscored that getting the Collaboratives started will provide the critical foundation for regional knowledge and information-sharing.

*Break from 10:11 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.*

Ms. Shuya framed the prioritization exercise in the context of the desired future state for each of the four service areas, as presented in the July 12, 2019 Task Force meeting. The Task Force reviewed the proposed assessment factors and amended the list to include public safety as a separate factor. Results of the prioritization exercise indicated prioritization of Solid Waste with an aggregate score of 123, Emergency Management at 117, Fire/EMS at 114, and Stormwater at 100.



The Task Force commented that Climate Change considerations were not included in the assessment factors and likely resulted in a lower score for Stormwater. CEO Wichuk invited Mayor Shaigec to comment on the linkages to RAMP related to drought and loss of wetlands on the agricultural system. Mr. Huybens emphasized that all service areas have regional issues that require attention and that the prioritization scores affirm all the Collaboratives could be of value for an earlier implementation versus deferring.

Ms. Shuya facilitated a discussion on the need for staged implementation. The Task Force established consensus that EMRB Administration is well positioned to recommend implementation of all four Collaboratives, as appropriate, and present a workplan to the Task Force for endorsement.

Mr. Beesley thanked the Task Force and encouraged members to demonstrate their best efforts for this inaugural MRSP. The Government of Alberta is looking for agreement among all member municipalities. Mr. Beesley indicated that the current approach sounds good and the direction of this meeting's discussion has been positive.

MRSP19-16

**Motion:** That the Metropolitan Region Servicing Plan Task Force direct EMRB Administration to develop the work plan for implementation of the Collaboratives for the inaugural MRSP to be provided by the next Task Force meeting.

**Moved by:** Mayor Choy

**Accepted by:** Chair

**Decision:** Carried unanimously

## 8. Next Steps

Ms. Shuya indicated that the Board will receive an update at its next meeting. A motion is proposed to request an extension to ensure the inaugural MRSP is adequately socialized prior to submission to the Province. The draft MRSP will be presented to the Task Force in November and the goal is to obtain Board approval in February.

The Task Force provided feedback regarding presentations to municipal councils. The Task Force supported a suggestion to offer the finished product and direct any comments to inform the initial work of the Collaboratives to ensure timely delivery of the inaugural MRSP. The Task Force encouraged EMRB Administration to consider the implications of not receiving an extension from the Province.

MRSP19-17

**Motion:** That the Metropolitan Region Servicing Plan Task Force recommend the Board seek a 6-month extension from the Government of Alberta for the completion of the inaugural MRSP in accordance with the EMRB Regulation.

**Moved by:** Councillor Harris

**Accepted by:** Chair

**Decision:** Carried unanimously



## **9. Next Meeting**

MRSP Task Force

November 21, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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## **10. Adjournment**

Chair Ralph thanked all those who contributed to the progress to date and declared the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ray Ralph', written over a horizontal line.

Task Force Chair, Ray Ralph