

CALGARY REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

# Vision and Mission Statement

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## ***Vision of Our Region***

Where we want to be now and in the future.

We are ► **working together** to live in ► **balance** with a ► **healthy environment**, in ► **enriched communities**, with ► **sustainable infrastructure** and a ► **prosperous economy**

## ***Regional Aspirations***

### ► **Working Together**

The citizens and leaders of the Calgary Region will feel connected and work proactively together to realize a common vision.

### ► **Balance**

The citizens and leaders of the Region will support each other to achieve community, environmental and economic balance.

### ► **Healthy Environment**

We will protect natural areas that support biodiversity and rural/urban landscape forms to sustain clean air, water, healthy soil and habitat. The beauty of the Region will be preserved through a culture of conservation and a network of local and regional parks.

### ► **Enriched Communities**

We will live in diverse communities that have access to services and opportunities. We will be healthy, engaged and educated. Residents will have access to diverse housing options in a safe environment that is inclusive, supportive and connected.

### ► **Sustainable Infrastructure**

We will have regional development, infrastructure, transportation and waste management systems that are cost effective, efficient and minimize environmental impact. Services will be diverse, accessible and will regionally and municipally seek to achieve net zero waste and reduce consumption. Development patterns will reflect responsible and well coordinated land use planning.

### ► **Prosperous Economy**

We will have connected diversified urban and rural economies with a workforce that is globally competitive. Our vibrant economy provides sustainable livelihood opportunities. Development patterns are environmentally, socially and financially sustainable.

## **Mission for Our Partnership**

(The Partnership's business to help deliver the vision)

Community owned and regionally inspired, the Calgary Regional Partnership shapes and champions a regional vision. We invent, incubate and ► **work together** to achieve a ► **healthy environment**, ► **enriched communities**, ► **sustainable infrastructure** and a ► **prosperous economy**

## **Goals for Our Partnership**

### ► **Working Together**

The Partnership will...

- Provide forums for members to communicate, build understanding, and work on issues of mutual interest including:
  - broad social issues;
  - environmental initiatives;
  - regional or inter-community service delivery or infrastructure initiatives; and
  - economic development.
- Involve citizens, businesses and not-for-profit organizations in regional thinking and decision-making, where appropriate.
- Encourage cooperation between members of the Partnership while respecting the authority of local governments. We will:
  - develop opportunities for joint service delivery or infrastructure development;
  - work collaboratively to resolve conflicts or potential conflicts between members;
  - ensure local and regional decision making that is aligned with established principles and agreements; and
  - be a 'voice' or regional partner to the provincial and federal governments on significant regional issues, as empowered by the membership.

- Align and cooperate with provincial and federal policies and initiatives in various areas including:
  - environmental protection (e.g. air shed management, water conservation programs);
  - land-use and transportation planning; and
  - ongoing, predictable infrastructure funding programs.
- Celebrate and promote successful examples of regional cooperation.

### ► **Fostering Healthy Environments**

The Partnership will...

- Generate appropriate regional and sub regional solutions that reduce environmental impact and promote wise use of resources.
- Ensure land use decision-making recognizes regional implications and a limited land base.
- Provide priority attention to watershed management in the region.
- Support the protection of agricultural land, natural or wild areas, green spaces and wildlife corridors.
- Value land, water and air for its full worth.

▶ **Building Enriching Communities**

The Partnership will...

- Ensure citizens are well-informed about regional issues.
- Empower citizens to be involved in building a sustainable region.
- Foster 'sustainable attitudes' through education and leadership.
- Support action on broad social issues.
- Help develop high quality inclusive services, striving for equal opportunity and fair treatment of all residents.
- Work with member communities to generate creative solutions for affordable housing.

▶ **Creating Sustainable Infrastructure and Development**

The Partnership will...

- Encourage the development of appropriate regional and sub regional infrastructure and servicing options that are cost effective, minimize environmental impact and use resources wisely.
- Promote sustainable development and avoid land use conflicts through proactive and well coordinated planning, and creative design approaches.
- Work with all levels of government towards sustainable regional transportation solutions that are strategically linked to land use and settlement patterns across the region, increase personal mobility options, and reduce overall vehicle dependency.
- Actively support municipal and regional waste management approaches that strive to significantly reduce the volume of waste.
- Recognize the value of past investment in infrastructure within the region.

▶ **Enabling a Prosperous Economy**

The Partnership will...

- Employ a cooperative approach to regional economic development, emphasizing the significant benefits associated with integrating local strategies within a regional context.
- Support business retention and expansion activities.
- Develop a market targeted economic identity based on complimentary strengths.
- Provide a vehicle for local governments to partner with economic development stakeholders.
- Provide a venue where best practices can be shared and economic development knowledge can be increased.

▶ **Finding Balance**

The Partnership will...

- Strive for a balance and support between social, environmental and economic well being.
- Strive to wisely integrate land use, transportation, infrastructure, economic development, community and environmental strategies and objectives.
- Strive to balance local and regional needs.
- Be community driven.

# PARTNERSHIP MISSION

Invent, Incubate, Work Together to Achieve Vision of The Region

**COMMUNITIES**

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

**ENVIRONMENT**

**ECONOMY**

Specialized Transportation  
Emergency Response Enhancement

Regional Transportation Planning  
Regional Water/Waste Water Servicing  
Regional Geographical Information System (GIS)

"One Window"  
Capacity as a Region  
Strategic Business Attraction  
Marketing

Working Together

Regional Growth and Sustainability Framework  
Smart Growth

Watershed Protection

Sustainable Development

## VISION OF THE REGION

**ENRICHING COMMUNITIES • SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE • HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT • PROSPEROUS ECONOMY**