CALGARY REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Message from the Chairperson

Linda Bruce

Developing a model for regional cooperation has been the priority of the Calgary Regional Partnership from the beginning. Membership is voluntary and the willingness to work together has produced a number of significant initiatives which over the long term will contribute to the continued prosperity and quality of life we have come to enjoy.

Linda Bruce
Mayor, City of Airdrie

Calgary Regional Partnership

Purpose

The Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) has been established to work in cooperative partnerships on common issues to improve the delivery of municipal services and enhance regional prosperity. Recognizing the importance of the natural environments upon which we depend, each member has committed to a shared process and a willingness to work together.

Successes

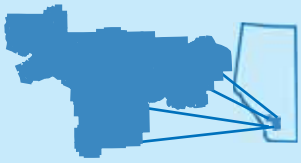
We have developed a cooperative regional perspective, a regional vision and an organizational structure. Partnering with Federal and Provincial Governments, Calgary Economic Development, regional community futures groups and the private sector is laying the groundwork for several important economic development initiatives.

Initiatives

Focusing on regional opportunities, the following projects have been undertaken by CRP: Development of a Regional Economic Development Strategy focusing on sustainable business development, GIS watershed mapping of the region's watersheds, emergency mapping and communications across the region, waste and water management strategies. The newly initiated Regional Growth and Sustainability Framework will provide a guide and practical tools for communities to manage the long term growth and sustainability of the Calgary Region.

Opportunities

The economic strength of the Calgary Regional Partnership with a population base of over one million people cannot be underestimated. Working together to compete globally and to flourish locally will be a key factor in attracting further economic growth. A communication strategy across the region and analysis of the economic assets will lay a solid foundation for prosperity in a sustainable Calgary region.



CRP Region

Alliance membership population: 1,161,144

Communities: 19

Everyone Benefits

"We have come a long way in getting our cooperative model in place. Now we are putting that model to work with many exciting environmental, economic and municipal initiatives."

Linda Bruce
Chair CRP
Mayor, Ardrie

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mission

Diverse municipalities and jurisdictions, each proud of their respective unique identities, have committed to work in cooperative partnerships on common issues to improve the delivery of municipal services to residents and businesses, enhance regional prosperity and protect the natural environments on which we depend.

The partnership facilitates an open and informed regional dialogue on issues facing the greater Calgary area. CRP is involved in a variety of issues including economic development, communications, watershed mapping, waste reduction, water management, and emergency response enhancement. The regional vision supports local autonomy while emphasizing local goals. This can often best be facilitated through regional cooperation.

website

www.calgaryregion.ca

organizational structure

Non-profit corporation established November 2004

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member population base

1,161,144

priorities and initiatives

High Priority:

- Building relationships and communications
- Regional growth and sustainability framework
- Regional water/wastewater servicing
- Regional geographical information system (RGIS)
- Enhancing the Economic Development Forum's organizational capacity
- Enhancing economic development capacity at the community level
- Identification of sustainable business investment opportunities
- Marketing of the Calgary region

Medium Priority:

- Organic waste reduction (regional composting project)
- Specialized transportation demonstration project

Low Priority:

- Inter-operable emergency communications

member communities (19)

Cities	Towns		Counties/MD	Other
Airdrie	Banff	High River	MD of Bighorn No. 8	Redwood Meadows
Calgary	Black Diamond	Nanton	MD of Foothills No. 31	Tsuu T'ina Nation
	Canmore	Okotoks	MD of Rocky View No. 44	
	Chestermere	Strathmore	Wheatland County	
	Cochrane	Turner Valley		
	Crossfield			

Population based on Statistics Canada 2006 Census of Population Results