

CALGARY

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

newsletter

SPRING UPDATE 2002

Airdrie

Black Diamond

Calgary

Chestermere

Cochrane

High River

M.D. of Foothills

M.D. of Rocky View

Okotoks

Strathmore

Townsite of Redwood

Meadows

Tsuu T'ina Nation

Turner Valley

## Working Toward an Organization

### Create a regional vision and an organizational model for the Partnership

- Nichols Applied Management has conducted a survey and interviews with the member municipalities and jurisdictions. A workshop will be undertaken to finalize a Regional Vision as part of the April 5 Regional Partnership meeting.
- A six member Sub-Committee composed of Steering Committee members and Project Staff has been established to hire a consultant to undertake Phase 2 of the Project. "Developing a Model for Regional Cooperation."
- A Proposal Call has been developed and it is anticipated that a consultant will be actively working on Phase 2 by May 2002.

## Emergency Response Enhancement

### Digital mapping of the region for emergency dispatch purposes

- Finalization of mapping for the M.D. of Foothills and associated urban municipalities (e.g. Okotoks, High River, etc.).
- Production of maps and maintenance of the mapping data is ongoing.

## Regional Economic Development Strategy

### The Regional Partnership and Promoting Calgary Inc. are striving to create a region based economic strategy called C-Prosperity

- Continued representation of the Regional Partnership on the Board of Promoting Calgary Inc.
- To continue to develop strong regional involvement in the implementation of the C-Prosperity project.
- Funding and implementation opportunities for the C-Prosperity project are being explored.

## Watershed Information Management Support System

### Geographical information system to manage the region's watersheds

- Funding from Alberta Environment in the amount of \$185,000 has been received.
- Project management will be shared by the Town of Okotoks and The City of Calgary.
- A technical advisory team has been assembled to direct the project. They are developing a model and associated processes to be used in examining the watersheds in the region.
- The Elbow River watershed is being considered as the next priority.

## Communications Strategy

### Create awareness among the public and funding partners

- Presentation to the Federal Government Caucus Task Force on Urban Issues in February 2002 advising of the willingness of the Regional Partnership to work with the Federal Government.
- A joint meeting will be held with other Regional Partnerships in the late Spring to understand their funding, governance and project activities.
- A presentation on the Regional Partnership will be made at this year's Canadian Institute of Planners conference in Vancouver.
- The Annual Report will be distributed to Provincial and Federal Government departments to ensure they remain aware of our actions and goals.
- Members of the Partnership Steering Committee and Project Staff will attend the Elected Officials Symposium in Edmonton in June.
- A meeting with Minister Anne McClellan will be scheduled to advise her of Partnership activities and goals.
- A newspaper insert will be prepared for inclusion in regional newsletters later this Spring.

## Regional Transportation Model

### An analytical model derived from travel data used for forecasting/ evaluation of land use, infrastructure and policy alternatives

- All major data collection has been completed for the Model.
- Analysis of the extensive data collected is underway.
- It is anticipated that the Regional Transportation Model should be operational by the end of 2002 with an integrated land use/transportation model to follow.

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