



News Release

## **Calgary Regional Partnership Members vote to support Calgary Metropolitan Plan**

June 19, 2009 (Cochrane, Alberta). The Calgary Metropolitan Plan (CMP) was approved at the General Assembly of the Calgary Regional Partnership held at Lynnwood Ranch on June 19, 2009.

The final vote was 47 in favour of the motion to approve the CMP and 15 against - well beyond the two-thirds majority that is required to pass such a motion. Linda Bruce, Chair of the Calgary Regional Partnership and Mayor of Airdrie was delighted with the outcome of the vote, saying - "Today is the culmination of four years of tireless work and public participation that has involved thousands of residents, elected officials, municipal staff and various stakeholders. I am confident that the CMP will preserve the region's environment, guide growth and establish sustainable infrastructure while preserving our diverse communities and quality of life".

The Honourable Dr. Ted Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resources Development opened the meeting by congratulating the Calgary Regional Partnership on the completion of the CMP. Minister Morton said "that the CMP's goals mirror the goals of the Province's Land Use Framework." He encouraged the meeting of 150 Mayors, Councillors and municipal staff to "focus on the parts of the Plan that can be agreed on and not to obsess over the issues that could not be agreed on".

Following Minister Morton's address, a lively debate ensued with amendments being proposed by the MDs of Rocky View, MD of Foothills and Wheatland County. Cochrane Mayor Truper McBride moved the motion to support the CMP. While doing that he encouraged members to - "Accept that we do not get all of what we want, but we all get something that we did not have before". He went on to say - "The CMP is vital to address our shared vision of enriched communities, healthy environments, sustainable infrastructure and a prosperous regional economy".

The adopted Calgary Metropolitan Plan will now be formally forwarded to the Province for its consideration for adoption under that Municipal Government Act and/or the Land Stewardship Act; while members have 90 days to consider their membership in the Plan and the Partnership.

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## **BACKGROUNDER to the Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) and the Calgary Metropolitan Plan (CMP)**

The Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) Incorporated is an association of 18 communities from Banff to Strathmore, Crossfield to Nanton, with Calgary and 13 other municipalities in between representing 1.2 million residents on 15,000 square kilometers of unique landscape.

The Calgary Metropolitan Plan (CMP):

- protects the environment, agriculture, and the region's vast watershed,
- considers cumulative effects and takes climate change seriously,
- maintains local autonomy & uniqueness of the region's diverse communities,
- provides efficient water, transit services, transportation, waste management, economic development, GIS and other services; and
- mitigates "sprawl", by reducing the region's development footprint by 64% (80k less hectares than the status quo or trend scenario) and will result in an approximate 30% saving in infrastructure costs.

The Calgary Metropolitan Plan is required under Alberta's new Land Stewardship Act which prescribes the following:

- a vision of the region's development,
- a regional perspective for infrastructure,
- complementary policies between municipalities,
- higher-density infill development, and
- that future growth areas be identified.

Public participation regarding the CMP includes:

- Over 2,000 participants in our visioning exercise (Jan-April 2006),
- Over 320 internal meetings of CRP elected leaders, staff in various committees since January 2006,
- Over 700 experts, elected leaders and staff drafted the Draft CMP of March 2009, and
- Over 90 meetings with over 2,100 residents and member Councils from March to June 09 improved upon the final CMP.

The Calgary Regional Partnership's vision: *We are **working together** to live in **balance** with a **healthy environment**, in **enriched communities**, with **sustainable infrastructure** and a **prosperous economy**.*

For more information on the CMP and the CRP:

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