



News Release

Calgary Regional Partnership Accepts New Member and Approves Regional Transit Plan November 26, 2009, Cochrane

The Town of Irricana was unanimously accepted as the newest member of the Calgary Regional Partnership at the CRP's Annual General Meeting in Cochrane November 25th.

Chair of Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP), Mayor Linda Bruce expressed the Partnership's enthusiastic support of Irricana's submission for membership - "The Town expressed, its commitment to the region and their support of our Partnership's vision of working together for a healthy environment, enriched communities, sustainable infrastructure and a prosperous economy. The Town of Irricana is the 15th member in the CRP.

Mayor of Irricana Josh Taylor said "We are very impressed with the welcoming atmosphere expressed by the membership. Irricana's acceptance in the Partnership will create opportunities of mutual benefit. We look forward to working together."

The November 25th sixth Annual General Meeting of the CRP also saw the approval of the region's transit plan which will in the short term provide two way express bus services between Calgary and regional communities, enhance and/or start local transit systems, create local transit hubs for buses and transit oriented development and identify, designate and purchase key lands required for future transit infrastructure. The long term part of the transit plan includes a range of rail linkages to downtown Calgary from outlying communities, establishing a new express bus service between communities outside of Calgary (i.e. between Airdrie and Cochrane), future extension of LRT lines and building strategically-located, regional park-and-ride facilities.

CRP also saw the election of the following executive officers for a one-year term:

Mayor Linda Bruce, Chair (Mayor, City of Airdrie)
Mayor Truper McBride, Vice Chair (Mayor, Town of Cochrane)
Mayor Patricia Matthews, Secretary Treasurer (Mayor, Town of Chestermere)

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