

CRP QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What is CRP?

CRP is an association of 14 communities from Banff to Strathmore, Crossfield to Nanton, with Calgary and other municipalities in between representing 1.2 million residents of unique landscape. The Partnership is a strong coalition of municipalities that understands the synergistic relationship of local governments in the region.

CRP's Vision?

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**.*

CRP Priority?

The Partnership's priority initiative includes implementation of the Calgary Metropolitan Plan which protects the environment and agriculture; guides growth to where it should more efficiently go and should not go; and integrates planning for efficient infrastructure including environmental protection, regional transit and transportation, water and wastewater servicing, economic development, waste management and Geographical Information systems (GIS).

CRP Projects?

The Partnership's associated regional projects include:

- A **Regional Economic Development** Program which markets and develops the region through coordinated and strategic projects.
- A **Regional Transit Program** which will develop convenient and reliable regional transit to reduce the region's vehicle dependency and create more compact, complete and connected communities.
- A **Regional Water & Wastewater Servicing Program** which will create a sustainable regional water and wastewater system based on water conservation, watershed protection and sustainable settlement patterns.
- A **Regional ecological infrastructure systems** plan including corridors, large patches, major stepping stones, watershed/riparian areas, publicly acceptable recreation areas and regional scale parks)
- A **GIS regional mapping** program which is creating new web-based mapping tools to help municipal decision makers better plan at the local and regional level.
- A **Regional Composting** project will ultimately turn 50% of the region's waste stream going into our landfill into a valued resource - compost and/or energy.

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CRP is truly unique - not government not consolidation

- CRP is a proactive and inclusive approach to planning. Growth in the region is inevitable and our collaborative approach allows us to take into account all the demands on the region and to make decisions that are consistent and aligned with what the region identified as its priorities.
- The Calgary Metropolitan Plan is a made-in-Alberta and made-in-the region solution to the regional partnership and collaboration question. Distinct from BC's fourth level of government and additional bureaucracy, distinct from Ontario's centralizing consolidation or amalgamation, and distinct from USA's complicated mix of private, public, NGO approaches, CRP is developing something unique and Alberta authentic - an optimum combination of voluntary-binding with limited compliance.