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Definitions

1 In this Regulation,

(a) “Act” means the Municipal Government Act;

(b) “Board” means the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board established by section 2;

(c) “Calgary Metropolitan Region” means the lands lying within the boundaries of the participating municipalities listed in the Schedule;

(d) “Framework” means the Regional Evaluation Framework, including any amendments to the Framework, approved by the Minister under section 12;

(e) “growth plan” means a growth plan for the Calgary Metropolitan Region;

(f) “Minister” means the Minister responsible for the Act;

(g) repealed AR 102/2021 s2;

(h) “recreation corridor” means a corridor with varying width where one or more trail recreation activities occur;

(i) repealed AR 102/2021 s2;

(j) “servicing plan” means a plan to provide services referred to in section 16 on a regional basis;

(k) repealed AR 102/2021 s2.
Part 1
Calgary Metropolitan Region Board

Establishment of Board
2(1) The Calgary Metropolitan Region Board is established in accordance with section 708.02(1) of the Act.

(1.1) The municipalities listed in the Schedule are designated as the members of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board.

(2) Each participating municipality may appoint a person to act in the representative’s place in the event of the representative’s temporary absence or temporary inability to act.

(3) A representative appointed under section 708.04 of the Act and subsection (2) must be a councillor of the participating municipality that is appointing the representative.

(4) Until a participating municipality appoints a representative under section 708.04 of the Act, the chief elected official of the participating municipality is designated as that municipality’s representative.

(5) If the representative of a participating municipality is unable to attend a meeting of the Board, the Board, on the request of the participating municipality, may provide for an alternative method of representation for the participating municipality at that meeting.

(6) Representatives appointed under section 708.04 of the Act are expected to represent the perspectives of their respective municipality during Board deliberations, but have a duty to act in the best interests of the Board when taking actions or making decisions.

AR 190/2017 s3;102/2021

Mandate of Board
3(1) The Board shall

(a) strive towards consensus regarding matters before the Board,

(b) promote the long-term sustainability of the Calgary Metropolitan Region,

(c) ensure environmentally responsible land-use planning, growth management and efficient use of land,

(d) develop policies regarding the coordination of regional infrastructure investment and service delivery,
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Chair of Board

Representatives appointed under section 708.04 of the Act or designated by section 2(4) shall elect from among them a chair of the Board.

Despite subsection (1), the Minister may, by order,

(a) appoint an interim chair of the Board, and

(b) specify the role and responsibilities of the interim chair.

If the Minister appoints an interim chair, the term of the chair elected under subsection (1) commences on the day after the expiry of the term of the interim chair.

The interim chair does not have voting rights.

The representatives appointed under section 708.04 of the Act or designated by section 2(4) may appoint a chair that is not a representative appointed under section 708.04 of the Act or designated by section 2(4) in accordance with policies established by the Board.
(6) A chair appointed under subsection (5) does not have voting rights.

AR 190/2017 s4;102/2021

Voting rights of representatives
5(1) Subject to section 708.03(2) of the Act and section 4(4) and (6), each representative has one vote.

(2) If a decision of the Board is to be made by a vote, the decision must be supported by not fewer than 2/3 of the representatives from participating municipalities that collectively have at least 2/3 of the population in the Calgary Metropolitan Region.

(3) Subject to section 2(5), if a representative is not present for a vote of the Board, or abstains from voting, the representative is deemed to have voted in the affirmative.

AR 190/2017 s5;102/2021

Power and duties of Board
6 The Board may

(a) develop policies allowing for the participation of non-members,

(b) requisition participating municipalities for operating costs related to the operations of the Board, and

(c) carry out any other functions and duties as the Minister directs.

Part 2
Preparation of Calgary Metropolitan Region Growth Plan

Preparation of growth plan
7(1) The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister a proposed growth plan for the Calgary Metropolitan Region on or before a date determined by the Minister.

(2) The Board shall review the growth plan every 10 years, or earlier as determined by the Board, unless otherwise ordered by the Minister under section 708.24(2) of the Act.

AR 190/2017 s7;102/2021

Approval of growth plan
7.1(1) On receiving a proposed growth plan from the Board, the Minister may, by order, approve the growth plan or reject it.
(2) A growth plan is not a regulation within the meaning of the Regulations Act.

Effective date of growth plan

7.2 A growth plan takes effect on a date specified by the Minister.

Objectives of growth plan

8 The objectives of the growth plan are

(a) to promote an integrated and strategic approach to planning for future growth in the Calgary Metropolitan Region,

(b) to identify the overall development pattern and key future infrastructure investments that would

(i) best complement existing infrastructure, services and land uses in the Calgary Metropolitan Region,

(ii) best complement the desired scale of development and community visions across the Calgary Metropolitan Region,

(iii) best address efficient and cost-effective growth and development, and

(iv) maximize benefits to the Calgary Metropolitan Region,

(c) to coordinate decisions in the Calgary Metropolitan Region to sustain economic growth and ensure strong communities and a healthy environment, and

(d) to promote the social, environmental and economic well-being and competitiveness of the Calgary Metropolitan Region.

Actions must conform with growth plan

8.1(1) Despite any other enactment, no participating municipality shall take any of the following actions if those actions conflict with or are inconsistent with a growth plan:

(a) undertake a public work, improvement, structure or other thing;

(b) adopt a statutory plan;
(c) make a bylaw or pass a resolution;

(d) enter into a municipal agreement.

(2) If the Board finds that a participating municipality has taken an action described in subsection (1)(a) that conflicts with or is inconsistent with a growth plan, the Board may, by written notice to the participating municipality, order the participating municipality to stop the action within the time set out in the notice.

(3) If a participating municipality fails or refuses to comply with a notice under subsection (2), the Board may apply to the Court of Queen’s Bench for an injunction or other order.

(4) The Court of Queen’s Bench may grant or refuse the injunction or other order or may make any order that in the opinion of the Court is just in the circumstances.

Contents of growth plan

9(1) Except as otherwise specified by the Minister, a proposed growth plan must contain a comprehensive, integrated regional land-use plan for the Calgary Metropolitan Region that includes the following:

(a) population and employment projections;

(b) the identification of

(i) growth areas,

(ii) land supply for residential, commercial and industrial purposes,

(iii) agricultural lands,

(iv) density of development,

(v) the development and location of infrastructure, and

(vi) recreation corridors and corridors for transportation, energy transmission, utilities and intermunicipal transit;

(c) policies regarding the planning for recreation corridors and corridors for transportation, energy transmission, utilities and intermunicipal transit;

(d) policies regarding environmentally sensitive areas;
(e) policies regarding the coordination of infrastructure planning and development among the participating municipalities;

(f) policies that address new settlement areas;

(g) policies that address the intensification of existing settlement areas;

(h) policies regarding the conservation of agricultural lands;

(i) specific actions to be taken by the participating municipalities to implement the growth plan.

(2) In preparing a proposed growth plan, the Board may also have regard to any matter relating to the physical, social or economic development of the Calgary Metropolitan Region.

Limitation of plan

10 Despite anything to the contrary in this Regulation, the growth plan is of no effect to the extent it directs the Government of Alberta to expend funds, to commit to funding arrangements or to undertake particular actions or adopt particular policies or programs.

Part 3
Approval of Statutory Plans

Application of Part

11 This Part applies to a statutory plan only after a Framework is approved by the Minister under section 12.
(2) The Minister may, by order, approve, reject or amend a Framework.

(3) The Framework has no effect until it is approved by the Minister.

(4) If the Board fails to provide a Framework, the Minister may, by order, establish a Framework.

(5) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), if the Minister establishes or approves a Framework, the Minister shall provide a copy of it to each participating municipality.

(6) The Framework is not a regulation within the meaning of the Regulations Act.

Approval of statutory plan

13(1) Statutory plans to be adopted by a participating municipality that meet the criteria set out in the Framework must be submitted to the Board for approval.

(2) In accordance with the Framework, the Board may approve or reject a statutory plan.

(3) A statutory plan referred to in subsection (1) has no effect unless it is approved by the Board under subsection (2).

(4) Subject to an appeal or dispute resolution mechanism established under section 708.08(1) of the Act or as otherwise provided in the Framework, a participating municipality has no right to a hearing before the Board in respect of its approval or rejection of a statutory plan.

(5) Subject to section 708.08(1) of the Act, a decision of the Board under this section is final and not subject to appeal.

(6) This section applies only to statutory plans to be adopted by a participating municipality after the establishment of the Framework.
Part 4
Preparation of Calgary Metropolitan Region Servicing Plan

Servicing plan
14(1) The Board shall, on or before a date determined by the Minister, prepare a servicing plan for the Calgary Metropolitan Region and file a copy with the Minister.

(2) The Board shall review the servicing plan every 5 years.

Objectives of servicing plan
15 The objectives of the servicing plan are as follows:

(a) to identify the services required to support the goals of, and to implement, the growth plan;
(b) to support the optimization of shared services to enhance use of ratepayer dollars;
(c) to facilitate orderly, economical and environmentally responsible growth in the Calgary Metropolitan Region.

Contents of servicing plan
16 The servicing plan must

(a) list the servicing required to support the development outlined in the growth plan, which may include
(i) transportation, including regional transit,
(ii) water, waste water and storm water,
(iii) solid waste,
(iv) emergency services, and
(v) any other services, identified by the Board which benefit residents in more than one of the municipalities that are parties to the servicing plan,

(b) for services to be provided on an intermunicipal basis, outline how each service will be provided, including which municipality is responsible for providing which services and outline how the services will be delivered and funded,
(c) set the timeframe for implementing services to be provided on an intermunicipal basis,

(d) contain any other matters necessary to support the growth plan, and

(e) contain any other matter the Minister considers appropriate.

AR 190/2017 s16, 102/2021

Part 5
General Matters

Transitional

17 Section 708.061 of the Act does not apply to statutory plans adopted, bylaws made, resolutions passed or municipal agreements entered into before October 26, 2017 by a member of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board.

AR 190/2017 s17, 102/2021

Expiry

18 For the purpose of ensuring that this Regulation is reviewed for ongoing relevancy and necessity, with the option that it may be repassed in its present or an amended form following a review, this Regulation expires on May 31, 2026.

AR 102/2021 s19

Coming into force

19 This Regulation comes into force on January 1, 2018.

Schedule
Participating Municipalities

(a) City of Airdrie;
(b) City of Calgary;
(c) City of Chestermere;
(d) Town of Cochrane;
(e) Town of High River;
(f) Town of Okotoks;
(g) Town of Strathmore;
(h) Rocky View County;
(i) Municipal District of Foothills;

(j) That portion of Wheatland County described as follows:

Starting at the southeast corner of section 21, township 23, range 24; Then westerly until the southwestern corner of section 19, township 23, range 26; Then northerly until the northwestern corner of section 31, township 24, range 26; Then easterly until the northeastern corner of section 33, township 24, range 24; Then southerly to the point of commencement. All west of the fourth meridian

Approximate area: 87 000 acres

Includes all of:

- Township 23, Range 24
  Sections 28-33, 19-21

- Township 23, Range 25
  Sections 19-36

- Township 23, Range 26
  Sections 19-36

- Township 24, Range 24
  Sections 4-9, 16-21, 28-33

- Township 24, Range 25
  All sections

- Township 24, Range 26
  All sections

All west of the fourth meridian