



June 2016: Building momentum

As the summer approaches I am happy to say we are rounding the corner on the completion of the major projects of the year.

Growth Plan Update Consultation

- Sharon Shuya and I have completed our tour of the region for the **24 local-impact one-on-ones** with Mayors, CAOs and, in some cases, councils.
- We will complete our **public introductions** of the Growth Plan on June 29 in Edmonton. The **Elected Official Town Hall** was held June 9 and five regional **Road Shows** have proven to be very valuable in bringing clarity to the two the outstanding issues of greenfield density targets and the new country residential. Thanks to the hosting municipalities for their support: Edmonton, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc County, Parkland County, and Sturgeon County.
- Several meetings with **individual stakeholders** on specific issues are scheduled to be held prior to the next Growth Plan Task Force meeting June 29 to ensure any further feedback is available for consideration

Drafts and Approval

- **Final Growth Plan Update Task Force meetings** – June 29 to review input to Draft 2 and direction for Final Draft (3), and August 18 to review input on Final Draft.
- **July 14 Board meeting** – will be dedicated to review and decisions on outstanding issues.
- **September 8 Board meeting** – the Notice of Motion to approve the Growth Plan 2.0 will come forward.
- **October 13 Board meeting** – Consideration of the motion for Approval of Growth Plan 2.0.

Other projects in motion

In addition to the intense focus on the Growth Plan, we continue to prepare for the **September 15 Housing Symposium *Housing and Communities***, to be held in Morinville. We are communicating broadly about our two Regional Assessment projects completed this spring: The **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Report** (and its **six associated sub-regional assessments**) and the **Specialized Transportation Needs Assessment Report**. We are completing the **2015/16 Annual**

Report for delivery to the province in August. Finally, work continues on the incubation of a regional Economic Development entity, independent of the CRB, with a report back to the Board required this fall.

After a very busy year, I wish you all some very well deserved downtime. The momentum will take us into September, which will be here before you know it.

*Malcolm Bruce, MSM
CRB CEO*

Quick & Noteworthy

Collaborate to Compete Regional Symposium June 2 in Winnipeg

A great success! About a third of the 150 attendees at the **Collaborate to Compete Symposium** in Winnipeg June 2 were from the Edmonton Metropolitan Region, just a dozen fewer than that of the host delegation from the Partnership of the Manitoba Capital Region. The event, called **Metro Regions Driving the Local Economy**, also drew representatives from third co-host, the Calgary Regional Partnership, from Alberta and Manitoba industry, Metro Vancouver, the province of Manitoba and members of the Regional Plan at Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth.

Through a series of speakers and panel sessions participants heard how metro regions have a role to play in economic growth, in trans-national trade and in improving the competitiveness of Canada and North America. **Collaborate to Compete** brings municipalities together to discuss best practices and challenges in regional operations. Associates of the Symposium include the North American Strategy for Competitiveness (NASCO), the Brookings Institute - Metropolitan Policy Program, the U of A City-Region Study Centre, the Sustainable Cities Collective and the Van Horne Institute.

Fifth Annual CRB Housing Symposium explores *Housing and Communities*

Complete communities are those that meet the local needs for daily living appropriate to their size and scale, that is, providing residents with convenient access to a mix of jobs, housing and transit options within an acceptable distance. In a dense urban setting this could be within blocks, whereas in a rural setting this may mean a drive into a nearby urban centre. Importantly everyone in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region is within a two hour drive of any other part of the region. This **full-day Symposium at the Morinville Community Culture Centre on September 15** will explore how all community stakeholders contribute to the completeness of this Region on many levels. Tickets are \$200.

This event Sold Out in 2014 and 2015.
For details and registration [click here](#).

June Board Highlights:

- The 2016/17 Revised Budget was approved
- The 2015/16 Audited Financial Statements were approved
- The Specialized Transportation Needs Assessment Report was presented by Dr. Bonnie Dobbs and accepted as information
- Presentation to Board re: Growth Plan 2.0 Implementation Plan

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- [CRB Meetings Master Schedule](#)

Up and Coming:

- **September 5 - Labour Day** CRB Offices closed
- **September 8** - AHS Breakfast, prior to Board meeting at 7 am
- **September 15** - [CRB Annual ReEnvision Housing Symposium - all day, in Morinville](#)
- **September 24** - [Bon Accord Dark Sky Community EQUINOX 2016](#), featuring Col. Chris Hadfield