

Interim Regional Evaluation Framework (IREF) CMRB Administration Recommendation	
Member Municipality	City of Calgary
Application Name	City of Calgary Municipal Development Plan (amendment)
IREF Application Number	2020-11
Type of Application	Municipal Development Plan (amendment)
Municipality Bylaw #	Bylaw# 49P2020
Date of Complete Application	November 23, 2020
Date Application Circulated	November 30, 2020
Date of CMRB Administration Recommendation	December 18, 2020
CMRB Recommendation	
That the Board APPROVE IREF Application 2020-11, the City of Calgary Municipal Development Plan (amendment), with an advisement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IREF Application 2020-11 consists of proposed amendments to the City of Calgary Municipal Development Plan ("MDP") • As described in the City's IREF application covering letter, key proposed MDP amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ incorporate the Calgary Transportation Plan into the MDP as Volume 3 ○ include housekeeping amendments ○ update the growth and change framework ○ add a new section on equity ○ add a new section on greening the city ○ strengthen language around creating great communities • Key CTP changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ add a new goal that all vehicles in Calgary need to be zero-emissions by 2050 ○ add a new section on future technologies ○ add a "5As" walking and wheeling network • Both the MDP and CTP documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ add policies to complement the City of Calgary's Climate Resilience Strategy • The third-party consultant review, completed by Lovatt Planning Consultants, found the application to be consistent with the Interim Growth Plan ("IGP") and the IREF. • CMRB Administration finds IREF Application 2020-11 to be consistent with the principles and policies of the IGP and Section 6.0 of the IREF and recommends the application for approval, with an advisement. 	
Attachment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third-Party Consultant Review, Lovatt Planning Consultants 	

1.0 Background

The City of Calgary (“the City”) has submitted Interim Regional Evaluation Framework (“IREF”) Application 2020-11, amendments to the City of Calgary Municipal Development Plan (“MDP”), proposed Bylaw #49P2020. A complete application was submitted to the CMRB on November 23, 2020.

The proposed MDP amendment were submitted to the CMRB through IREF under Section 4.1 (c) which requires that municipalities refer “all amendments to MDPs, IDPs, ARPs and ASPs proposing employment areas and/or 50 or more new dwelling units” to the Board. IREF 2020-11 does not refer to any specific location, scale or type of growth and development, but it does establish a City-wide framework to guide growth and change.

Administration notified CMRB members of IREF Application 2020-11 on November 30, 2020.

2.0 Third Party Evaluation

CMRB Administration obtained the assistance of Lovatt Planning Consultants to evaluate the application with respect to the IREF requirements. The Lovatt Planning Consultants evaluation (attached) reviewed the proposed MDP in relation to the objectives of the Interim Growth Plan (“IGP”) and the evaluation criteria of the IREF. Lovatt Planning Consultant found IREF Application 2020-11 to be generally consistent with the objectives of the IGP and IREF.

3.0 CMRB Administration Comments

3.1 *Consistency with the IGP and IREF*

As outlined in the City’s submission and the third-party review, and in consideration of its own review of IREF 2020-11 application materials, CMRB Administration finds IREF Application 2020-11 to be generally consistent with the objectives of the IGP and IREF.

CMRB Administration recommends the approval of the proposed City of Calgary MDP amendments, with an advisement.

4.0 Recommendation

That the Board **APPROVE** IREF Application 2020-11, the City of Calgary Municipal Development Plan (amendments) with the following advisement:

1. MDPs must align with the Growth Plan as per Section 708.14(1) of the Municipal Government Act which states: “The Council of a participating municipality must amend every statutory plan and bylaw as necessary to conform with a growth plan no later than the date specified by the growth management board.” This IREF approval recommendation does not remove or supersede the requirement for the City of Calgary MDP to align with the Growth Plan within the time set out by the Board.



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December 14, 2020

**Liisa Tipman, Project Manager, Land Use
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Dear Ms. Tipman:

Reference: **IREF 2020-011**
**Statutory Plan Evaluation for City of Calgary Municipal Development Plan
Amendment**

The proposed Municipal Development Plan amendment is consistent with the objectives of the Calgary Metropolitan Region Interim Growth Plan being schedule A to Ministerial Order MSL 091/18.

Attached is our Third Party Consultant Evaluation report for the captioned statutory plan referral from the City of Calgary.

Sincerely,
LOVATT PLANNING CONSULTANTS Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'O. Lovatt', is written over the typed name.

O. Lovatt, RPP, MCIP
Principal

Attachment: IREF 2020-011

Interim Regional Evaluation Framework (IREF) Third Part Review

Member Municipality	City of Calgary
Application Name	City of Calgary Municipal Development Plan Amendment
IREF Number	2020-011
Type of Application	Amendment
Municipality Bylaw #	49P2020
Date of Application	November 23, 2020
Date of Third-Party Review Report	December 9, 2020

Findings

That the City of Calgary Municipal Development Plan is consistent with the Interim Growth Plan MSL: 091/18.

Summary of Review

- The City of Calgary submitted an application to amend its Municipal Development Plan (MDP) to the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board (“CMRB”) for an Interim Regional Evaluation Framework (“IREF”) review.
- The proposed amendment applies to the entirety of the City of Calgary.
- The omnibus amendment reimagines the future of the City and integrates Calgary’s Transportation Plan (CTP) into the MDP. Although many of the proposed changes are housekeeping amendments to update nomenclature, substantive changes are also evident.
- Significant additions to the MDP are found in:
 - Part 2 City-Wide Policies that promote inclusivity, greening and climate resilience; and,
 - Part 5 City-Wide Growth Strategy that includes strong regional relationships, growth directions, balanced compact growth, linking infrastructure investment with growth, and public accountability policies.
- The proposed amendments incorporate the City of Calgary’s corporate infrastructure investment approach and 2018 Climate Resilience Strategy.
- Key MDP changes:
 - updating the growth and change framework;
 - greening the City section;
 - a new section on equity; and,
 - reinforces language around creating great communities.
- A significant addition is the incorporation of the CTP as Volume 3 within the MDP, so that it becomes a statutory document. A new goal that all vehicles in Calgary need to be zero-emissions by 2050 is a key addition.
- The proposed amendments will continue to promote orderly development, the effective use of land, and the efficient consumption of regionally significant infrastructure.

- The evaluation found that the proposed City of Calgary MDP amendment is **consistent** with the CMRB Interim Growth Plan.

Review Prepared by

Lovatt Planning Consultants Inc.

3.2 Region-wide Policies

<p>3.2.1 Principles, Objectives, and Policies</p>	<p>Principle 1: Promote the Integration and Efficient Use of Regional Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inclusion of the CTP to the MDP optimizes the integration of land use and transportation. • Amendments in Part 5 also enhance provisions regarding linking growth with financial and infrastructure capacity. <p>Principle 2: Protect Water Quality and Promote Water Conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed amendments to Section 2.6 Greening the City advance the identification and management of regional watersheds. • New water security and quality policies broaden the foundation of water conservation and management practices. <p>Principle 3: Encourage Efficient Growth and Strong and Sustainable Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed amendment significantly revises <i>Section 1.1 Plan Foundations – Towards a Sustainable City</i> such that sustainability is emphasized thereby demonstrating the City's renewed vigour in advancing sustainability principles.
<p>3.2.2 Demonstrate collaboration to coordinate with other member municipalities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed amendments include discussions of collaboration with neighbours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In developing IDP's; ○ In transit planning and implementation; ○ In watershed management; and, ○ In regional open space planning. • Proposed amendments also enhance support for the Growth Plan with <i>Section 5.2 - A Strategic Framework for Growth and Change</i> emphasizing the framework as a tool for regional planning.
<p>3.2.3 Water, wetlands and storm water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed amendments add significantly to policy directions regarding water security and quality, wetlands preservation and, extension of the ecological infrastructure. Management of storm water at a regional scale is also discussed.

3.3 Flood Prone Areas	
3.3.1 Development in the floodways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed amendments do not speak directly to development within floodways. However, planning direction to guide development within floodways contained in the current MDP is carried forward.
3.3.2 Flood protection in flood fringe areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amendments add policies to consider the impacts of climate change on flood risk, to promote flood mitigation infrastructure and to include flood protection measures to the 1 in 100 flood event level.
3.4 Development Types	
3.4.1 Intensification and Infill Development	
3.4.1.1 Intensification and Infill in existing settlement areas in cities, towns, and villages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intensification is at the core of the City's balanced and compact growth strategy. Accommodating more growth through infill and intensification is a major policy initiative and is linked directly to the concept of sustainability.
3.4.1.2 Intensification and Infill of existing settlement areas in hamlets and other unincorporated urban communities within rural municipalities shall be planned and developed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable.
3.4.2 Expansion of Settlement Areas	
3.4.2.1 Expansion of settlement areas in a contiguous pattern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 3.6 of the MDP Developing Residential Communities contains policies that direct development of planned and future greenfield communities. The proposed amendments do not materially change those policies.

<p>3.4.2.2 Expansion of settlement areas with 500 or greater new dwelling units</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As is noted in 3.4.2.1 above the MDP contains policies that direct planned greenfield communities and future greenfield communities.
<p>3.4.2.3 Rationale for expansion of settlement areas that do not meet all components of Policy 3.4.2.1 and 3.4.2.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable.
<p>3.4.3 New Freestanding Settlement Areas</p>	
<p>3.4.3.1 New freestanding settlement areas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable.
<p>3.4.3.2 New freestanding settlement areas with 500 or greater new dwelling units</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable.
<p>3.4.3.3 Rationale for new freestanding settlement areas with 500 or greater new dwelling units that do not meet all components of Policy 3.4.3.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable.
<p>3.4.4 Country Residential Development</p>	
<p>3.4.4 Country Residential Development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable.

3.4.5 Employment Areas	
3.4.5.1 Employment areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed amendment includes additions to describe the new economy and 13 initiatives to support growing this new economy. • As well, discussion of growth clusters <i>to support business investment and job creation in Calgary</i> advances specific areas in which to focus new employment.
3.4.5.2 Connections to transit stations and corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed amendments to Section 2.2.2 being A Transit – Supportive Land Use Framework clarify the relationship between land use and transit. • Existing policies regarding transit connections are not altered by the proposed amendment.
3.5 Regional Corridors	
3.5.1.1 Mobility Corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed MDP amendments encourage consistency with the CMRB Growth Plan. However no specific requirement exists for statutory plans or plan amendments located within 1.6 km of mobility corridors as established in Schedules 3 and 4 of the Growth Plan to identify, demonstrate optimization, and provide mitigation on regionally significant mobility corridors. This shortcoming is not regionally significant.
3.5.2.1 Transmission Corridors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Also no specific requirement is included for transmission corridors.