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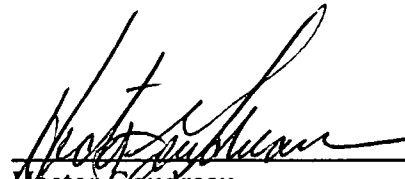
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MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. L:270/10

I, Hector Goudreau, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to section 21(1) of the Capital Region Board Regulation (AR 17/2010) make the following order:

1. That the Regional Evaluation Framework as attached in Schedule A is hereby established.
2. That the effective date of the Regional Evaluation Framework is March 31, 2010.
3. Ministerial Order No. L:046/10 is hereby rescinded.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta, this 29 day of NOVEMBER, 2010.



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Regional Evaluation Framework (REF)

1.0 Purpose

The Capital Region Board (the “Board”) has been directed to implement the Capital Region Growth Plan subsequent to its adoption by the Government of Alberta.

The purpose of the Regional Evaluation Framework is to provide criteria to allow the board to evaluate new municipal statutory plans and statutory plan amendments to ensure consistency with the long-term regional interests identified in the Capital Region Growth Plan, and the Capital Region Board Regulation.

2.0 Definitions

In addition to the definitions contained in the Capital Region Board Regulation (the “Regulation”), words defined in the Capital Region Growth Plan shall be given the same meaning for the purposes of this Regional Evaluation Framework.

3.0 Municipality Review

3.1 A municipality must refer to the Board any proposed new Intermunicipal Development Plan, Municipal Development Plan and any proposed amendment to an Intermunicipal Development Plan or Municipal Development Plan.

3.2 A municipality must refer to the Board any other statutory plan or statutory plan amendment where:

a) one or more of the following conditions exist:

- (i) the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment would result in the creation of one or more lots intended and/or designated to accommodate Heavy Industrial Use;
- (ii) the effect of the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment proposes a net residential density that differs from the assigned density target in the Capital Region Growth Plan for the corresponding Priority Growth Area, by 10 per cent or more;
- (iii) the effect of the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment proposes a gross residential density that differs from the assigned density target in the Capital Region Growth Plan for the corresponding Cluster Country Residential Area, by 10 per cent or more;

- (iv) the plan boundaries are within 0.8 km. of a road identified in the Regional Transportation Infrastructure map of the Capital Region Growth Plan;
- (v) the plan boundaries are within 1.0 km. of an approved Intermunicipal Transit route or Park and Ride facility as identified by the Capital Region Growth Plan (Figures, 8, 9, or 10 of the Capital Region Intermunicipal Transit Plan) or a Transportation Master Plan as approved by the City of Edmonton;
- (vi) the plan is located outside a Priority Growth Area or Cluster Country Residential Area as identified on the Priority Growth Areas and Cluster Country Residential Areas map in the Capital Region Growth Plan, and at full build-out the plan proposes to vary the municipality's official population as stated in the most recent Alberta Municipal Affairs Official Population List by 10 per cent or more;

and

- b) the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment proposes land uses that would add to, alter, interrupt or interfere with:
 - (i) the land-use development pattern required by the Principles and Policies or residential density targets established in the Capital Region Growth Plan; or
 - (ii) the distribution, expansion, and/or integrated development of regional infrastructure, and recreation, transportation and utility corridors as identified on the Regional Transportation Infrastructure, Regional Water and Wastewater Infrastructure, Regional Power Infrastructure and Regional Corridors maps in the Capital Region Growth Plan or conservation buffers as shown on the Regional Buffers Areas map of the Capital Region Growth Plan.

3.3 A municipality must refer any other statutory plan or statutory plan amendment where the plan is within 1.6 km. of the boundaries of the Alberta Industrial Heartland Area Structure plans, or the Edmonton International Airport Area Structure Plan.

3.4 Statutory plans or statutory plan amendments referred to the Capital Region Board pursuant to section 3.1, 3.2 or 3.3 must be referred to the Board after 1st reading and before 3rd reading of a bylaw or bylaws.

3.5 A statutory plan or statutory plan amendment referred by a municipality to the Board must include:

- a) the proposed statutory plan or statutory plan amendment bylaw;
- b) sufficient documentation to explain the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment;

- c) sufficient information to ensure that the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment can be evaluated pursuant to the evaluation criteria in section 5.4 of the REF; and
- d) a copy of the most recent amended plan without the proposed amendment.

4.0 Board Administration Review

- 4.1 Within 25 working days of the date on which the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment referral is found to be complete by the Board, the Board Administration must present to the Board a report and recommendation to either approve or reject the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment.

5.0 Board Review and Decision

- 5.1 At the meeting at which the Board administration report and recommendation are presented the Board must, by consensus, approve or reject the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment.
- 5.2 In the event that consensus is not achieved a formal vote of the Board must be conducted, in accordance with the voting and notification provisions of the Capital Region Board Regulation and the Board's procedural bylaw.
- 5.3 Prior to a vote on a statutory plan or statutory plan amendment the Board must hear:
 - i. from the Board administration; and
 - ii. from the municipality proposing the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment.
- 5.4 When evaluating a statutory plan or statutory plan amendment under this section, the Board must consider:
 - a) Compatibility of the development with the objectives of the Capital Region Growth Plan as set out in Section 11 of the Regulation;
 - b) Whether approval and full implementation of the statutory plan or statutory plan amendment would result in development that is consistent with all of the following:
 - (i) The Land Use Principles and Policies of the Capital Region Growth Plan including the provisions for:
 - i. Buffer areas as shown on the Regional Buffers Area Map in the Capital Region Growth Plan;
 - ii. Priority Growth Areas as shown on the Priority Growth Areas and Cluster Country Residential Areas map in the Capital Region Growth Plan;
 - iii. Cluster Country Residential Areas as shown on the Priority Growth Areas and Cluster Country Residential Areas map in the Capital Region Growth Plan;
 - iv. Density targets as outlined in Capital Region Growth Plan; and
 - v. Outside Priority Growth Areas.

- (ii) The regional population and employment forecasts in the Capital Region Growth Plan.
- (iii) The regional transportation network as shown in the Regional Transportation Infrastructure map in the Capital Region Growth Plan.
- (iv) The Intermunicipal Transit Network Plan of the Capital Region Growth Plan (Figures, 8, 9, or 10 of the Capital Region Intermunicipal Network Transit Plan), and a Transportation Master Plan as approved by the City of Edmonton.
- (v) The regional infrastructure, and recreation, transportation and utility corridors as identified on the Regional Transportation Infrastructure, Regional Water and Wastewater Infrastructure, Regional Power Infrastructure, and Regional Corridors maps of the Capital Region Growth Plan.
- (vi) The boundaries and policies of Alberta's Industrial Heartland Area Structure plans and the Edmonton International Airport Area Structure Plan.