



CRBnow: Key 3 for Feb 2016...

Engagement and transparency is what underpins our work, what reinforces the benefits of working together and what gives shape to the action we take to bring out the best of this region. Three key dates to watch this month:

1. February 5 - Municipal Stakeholder Consultation on the Growth Plan Update (GPU)

project: Our extensive consultative process reaches out to the municipal administrators next week. This special session is another in the series of GPU Task Force consultations, which have included Board members, CAOs, Board Committees and a variety of external stakeholders. Consultations provide vital practical feedback on the many details of updating the Capital Region Growth Plan. A round of individual visits with members is being planned to discuss the local impacts of proposed changes following the delivery of a first draft of Growth Plan 2.0 later this spring.

2. February 11 - Discussion of Membership and Mandate Reviews at Board Meeting

followed by Economic Development Workshop: It is another blockbuster Board meeting day! The results of the **Membership Review** and the consultations on the **CRB Mandate** will come forward at the Board meeting. The review of the mandate was done at the request of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, as input to changes being proposed to the *Municipal Government Act*. Minister Larivee also specifically asked the Board to consider the inclusion of **economic development** in its mandate review and the final workshop discussion on that topic follows the Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. The day starts off with an Advocacy & Monitoring committee meeting at 7:30 a.m.

3. February 18 - GPU Task Force to finalize policy direction for Growth Plan 2.0: This is another key meeting for the Task Force. Following approval of policy *direction*, which is up for discussion, the Task Force can then begin the critical work of updating the current Growth Plan. This will include creating new policies to fill policy gaps identified in the first phase of the project. Six broad policy areas have been approved for the Update: Agriculture, Communities and

Housing, Global Economic Competitiveness and Employment, Integration of Land Use and Infrastructure, Natural Living Systems, and Transportation Systems.

Malcolm Bruce, MSM
CRB CEO

Quick & Noteworthy

Tracking 2016

In his monthly report to CAOs, CEO Malcolm Bruce has outlined the three deliverables that will be the focus for CRB activity in 2016:

1. Delivery of the Growth Plan Update to the Province - scheduled for October
2. Resolution of the CRB mandate and membership issues
3. Decision on the form and function of CRB's participation in regional economic development.

He says these deliverables are interdependent as CRB continues to tell the story of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region as a *complete region*.

NOTE: The [2016 Master Board, Committee and Task Force calendar](#) resides on the Publications page of the CRB website and is updated regularly.

Book now! Collaborate to Compete Symposium June 2, 2016

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DISCOUNT ENDS FEBRUARY 25!

Just a reminder to plan to attend the Collaborate to Compete Regional Symposium June 2, 2016 in Winnipeg. Co-hosted by CRB, the event is the day before the 2016 FCM Annual National Conference. The theme is *Metropolitan Regions: Driving the Global Economy* - with a focus on Inland Ports. [Registration is open](#) so register now and remember to book your FCM flights and hotels one day early!

Strathcona County, Redwater, host CRB Committee meetings

With our usual meeting location at *La Cite Francophone* unavailable in January, we thank our members for offering to host as follows:

- Transit Committee meeting Jan 28 will be held at the **Strathcona County Community Centre in Sherwood Park.**
- Housing Committee meeting Jan 29 will be held at **Pembina Place in Redwater.** *Note 10:00 a.m. start!*

New faces in the Region

- Congratulations to new Councillor for the Village of Wabamun, **Jocelyn Wiggins**
- Welcome to Acting CAO for the Town of Morinville, **CFO Andrew Isbister**