



## May 2016: Budget cuts may not affect delivery of Growth Plan 2.0

Due to an **unexpected 17% cut** to the current 2016/17 budget recently announced by the Province, the Board voted May 12 to review all projects including the Growth Plan Update (GPU). The updated plan, **Growth Plan 2.0**, is scheduled for approval at the October Board meeting, with delivery to the province by the end of that month. This may change pending Budget decisions.

The **Governance, Priorities, and Finance (GPF) Committee** will review its original recommendations for changes to the budget, based on the Board's input at the May meeting during an *in camera* discussion about how best to manage the loss of \$500,000. GPF will meet again May 26. The Budget will be reviewed again by the Board on June 9 at its regular meeting.

### Growth Plan Update process:

- **Task Force Meeting May 16** - Great meeting. The Task Force approved recommended direction on *density targets, the metropolitan structure and rural growth*. Importantly this will inform Draft 2 of the plan, which will be released mid-June and will be subject to further refinement following more input through the rest of the month.
- **One-on-Ones**: First, a thank you to all those who have met with us to date. The one-on-one visits by Project Manager Sharon Shuya and myself to member communities this month are providing an important opportunity to discuss the local impacts of GP 2.0 as well as the general direction and objectives of the updated Growth Plan. The local perspective is valuable and appreciated.
- **Elected Official TOWN HALL**: Following the June 9 Board meeting all regional municipal elected officials have been invited to a Growth Plan TOWN HALL from 1-3 pm at the Chateau Lacombe. It will be an opportunity for regional councillors to attend the Board meeting, have lunch together (***EOs and CAOs please remember to register for the lunch***) and then take part in an introductory presentation and feedback session on the second draft of the GP2.0, which will be available at that time.
- **Public ROAD SHOWS**: The public and especially local community leaders are also invited to attend any of the five additional introductory sessions. The Growth Plan ROAD SHOWS are being held throughout the region between June 15 and 29. [See schedule here](#)

- **The July 14 Board meeting** – Is proposed to be a facilitated *In camera* meeting devoted to discussing Draft 2 of Growth Plan 2.0. Intended to be a frank session to review the concerns that will be identified in the May one-on-one meetings with the Mayors, CAOs and Councils, as well as during the June public consultation Road Shows, this meeting is intended for Board members, Board Alternates, and Task Force members only.
- **At the September 8 Board meeting**, the Notice of Motion to approve the Final Plan on October 13, 2016 will come forward.

**Fort McMurray** - I'd like to recognize the all CRB members assisting with sheltering the Ft. Mac evacuees. This is the concept of regionalism at its very best.

The Growth Plan Update or **Growth Plan 2.0** is our major focus/deliverable for 2016. As always, I am available at **780-638-6002** or [mbruce@capitalregionboard.ab.ca](mailto:mbruce@capitalregionboard.ab.ca). Don't forget to follow us on Twitter [@CRBnow](https://twitter.com/CRBnow).

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## Quick & Noteworthy

### May Board Highlights:

- The 2016 Transportation Priorities Report was approved and now is on its way to the Minister of Transportation as input to the department's three-year transportation planning process.
- A Board update on the incubation of an independent Economic Development entity was postponed until the fall, pending more information. However, work continues on a start-up.
- Chair Wes Brodhead gave a brief report on the third joint CRB/CRP Provincial Transit Engagement that was held in Red Deer April 28.
- Regional Housing Needs Assessment reports will be available on the website in time for the Housing Committee meeting and Workshop May 27.

### Keep in touch:

- [Board Minutes and Information Requests \(IRs\)](#)
- [Committee and Task Force Minutes](#)
- [CRB Meetings Master Schedule](#)

### Beaumont invites Transit Committee to give update

Transit Committee Chair **Wes Brodhead** and Project Manager **Neal Sarnecki** presented an update on the Committee's work to **Mayor Camille Berube and Beaumont Town Council** on May 10.

### GIS webpage expanding to better inform CRB regional growth planning

A new map that depicts the inventory of all [non-market seniors' housing](#) facilities in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region is now available on the CRB website. Among the the projects underway are a companion map of all non-market housing in the region and a transportation priorities map correlating with the recently approved 2016 Regional Transportation priorities Report.

The new map joins other interactive maps on the [CRGIS webpage](#) that assist in regional planning. e.g. [Energy Infrastructure](#), [Regional Traffic Volume](#), and [Soil Classification](#). It also includes a fascinating comparison map of the region's [Urban Footprint 1974-2014](#).

For information on the CRGIS website contact GIS Coordinator, [Brant Denham](#) at the CRB offices.

### Welcome to new faces in the Region

- Thorsby Councillor. **Nathan Raymond**, elected in a by-election May 2
- Parkland County CAO, **Mike Heck**, effective May 9
- Interim S. Albert CAO, **Chris Jardine**, effective May 16
- Manager, Intergovernmental and External Affairs, St. Albert, **Lynette Tremblay**, effective March
- Municipal Intern, **Charlene Wilcock**, who will be working during her internship with both CRB and Gibbons, effective May 9

### Up and Coming:

**Collaborate to Compete  
Regional Symposium  
*Metropolitan Regions: Driving the Global Economy*  
June 2 in Winnipeg  
See you there!**

### Also:

- **May 23 - Victoria Day** CRB Office closed
- **July 1 - Canada Day** CRB Office closed
- **August 1 - Civic Holiday** CRB Office closed
- **August 4 - CRB Annual Golf Tournament hosted by Fort Saskatchewan**  
[Legends Golf and Country Club](#)
- **September 5 - Labour Day** CRB Office closed
- **September 8** - AHS Breakfast, prior to Board meeting at 7 am
- **September 15** - CRB Annual ReEnvision Housing Symposium - all day, in Morinville *[details to follow]*