



Sept 15 Symposium to explore Complete Communities

In our update of the Growth Plan we have encountered the concept of **Complete Communities** many times. Basically, "completeness" is scaled to the size of the community, that is, encompassing the basics of daily living – jobs, housing, infrastructure, amenities and transportation choice – or levels of service that are appropriate to a community's need. It means thinking more broadly about what "community" is, and about what "region" means.

For our **5th annual ReEnvision Housing Symposium** we'll again assemble experts and practitioners in a forum to explore the theme of "Complete Communities". The program will focus on how municipalities, non profits, and the private sector can work together to ensure that diversity continues to exist in our communities.

This year's Complete Communities Symposium takes place:

Thursday September 15, 2016
Morinville Community Cultural Centre
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Two Keynote speakers will set the stage: [RYAN BERLIN](#) is a strategic research leader in housing market and economic analysis, and [DOUG GRIFFITHS](#) is the former Minister of Municipal Affairs and author of "13 Ways to Kill Your Community", who now specializes in aspects of community building. Our last two Symposium events sold out. [Register for this timely event today.](#)

And then, get back to enjoying your summer.

Malcolm Bruce, MSM
CRB CEO

Quick & Noteworthy

Growth Plan Update

Approaching its final meeting on **August 18**, the **Growth Plan Update Task Force** will be finalizing the details of the plan, to be presented as a Notice of Motion to the Board September 8, 2016.

Outstanding is Board direction on Country Residential (CR). The Task Force will make its recommendation on CR to the Board on September 8. The Board's decision will be included in the final Growth Plan draft for its approval October 13, 2016.

Market Affordable Housing Pilot Project Challenge - Call for Applications

The Housing Committee has issued a challenge to members: **Submit your great ideas for innovative market affordable housing projects and we'll pick up to three pilots to showcase and top up with a \$5,000 micro-grant.** Projects can be big or small. "It's an opportunity to inspire more market affordable housing projects and maybe help break through some organizational obstacles," says Committee Chair **Dwight Ganske**. [See details here](#). The winners will be announced in Morinville at the [Housing Symposium](#) September 15.

Enhanced regional map added to CRGIS website

Look for the new detailed high resolution [Large Format Base Map](#) of the Edmonton Metropolitan Region on the Capital Region GIS website...in pdf format and can be printed.

July Board Highlights:

- **New higher densities approved for Growth Plan 2.0 (Edmonton Metropolitan Region Growth Plan).**
- **The 2015 Annual Report content approved. Completed report will be available online at the beginning of August and at the Board meeting September 8.**
- **August Board meeting cancelled - September meeting will be extended: now beginning at 8:30 am, to be completed by 12:30 pm.**

Up and Coming:

- **September 1** - NEW - *AMC Meeting at CRB offices 8-9:30 am*
- **September 8** - AHS Breakfast, prior to Board meeting. *Note: Starts now at 7 am*
- **September 15** - [CRB Annual ReEnvision Housing Symposium - all day, in Morinville](#)
- **September 24** - [Bon Accord Dark Sky Community EQUINOX 2016](#), w/ Col. Chris Hadfield