



The Calgary Region Experience

From Inter-municipal to Multi-lateral Regional Co-operation

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Calgary Regional Partnership



Where We've Been and Where We Are Now

Moving Forward Together is nothing new for the Calgary Region, we are proud of our entrepreneurial spirit of getting things done.

1999

- 1999 – 2005 the CRP begins as a loose network of municipalities based on a model of co-operation and consensus
- 2005 CRP recognizes the need to work toward regional sustainability and approves the Melbourne Principles for Sustainable Cities

CHANGE BEGINS: the Region takes leadership 2006

- By June 2009 **Calgary Metropolitan Plan is approved** by the CRP General Assembly including a CRP Governance Model and Phase 2 of the Regional Servicing Study and in,
- November 2009 the Calgary Regional Transit Plan is approved by the CRP General Assembly

Moving Forward Together: the Region continues to take Leadership

- October 2009 CRP Executive approve preliminary implementation priorities
- **On June 2010 the CRP General Assembly will approve the CRP implementation plan - Moving Forward Together: 2010 - 2011 CRP Strategic Action Plan and Budget**

2010

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What is the CMP?

- CMP is a Long-term 75 year plan
- Regional in scale and scope
- Driven by shared vision and principles
- Addresses population growth to about 3 million people



Calgary Metropolitan Plan



What is the CMP?

The CMP is based on four foundational Principles

- Protecting the natural environment and watershed
- Guiding compact growth for complete communities
- Providing systems of regional infrastructure
- Enabling regional level decision making



CMP Benefits to the Province

- Implements provincial strategies and policies
- Provides a coordinated regional perspective for provincial capital funding
- Represents a collaborative approach toward regional growth management and servicing solutions
- More efficient use of land and resources
- Increases the economic competitiveness of the region and the Province of Alberta

The CMP Delivers an estimated \$400 million dollars in water and sewer infrastructure capital cost savings over the life of the plan through a better coordinated regional approach, a more compact urban footprint and a commitment to water conservation

CMP Benefits to the Business Community

- Provides greater certainty of infrastructure servicing (i.e. type, timing, locations, infrastructure funding expectations, conditions associated with gaining access to regional infrastructure)
- Improves mobility capacity and choices for goods movement, employees, customers, tourists and residents of region, especially between regional communities and destinations



- Attracts and supports business growth and investment, consistent with the region's strategies and supportive of local economic diversification efforts

CMP Benefits to the Calgary Region

- Protects the region's environmental assets and watershed
- Directs new development to areas supported by infrastructure
- Significantly reduces infrastructure costs
- Increases the economic competitiveness of the region through effective land use strategies, enhanced infrastructure provision and improved regional transit mobility options



CMP Benefits to Local Municipalities and Residents

"For Cochrane, the CMP represents tax dollar savings to our ratepayers. The provision of transit, regional servicing, and a clear vision for economic development reassures the people of Cochrane that all efforts are being taken today to keep taxes low for tomorrow."

- **Truper McBride**
Mayor, Town of Cochrane,
Vice Chair of CRP

Increases cooperation between neighbours, reduces the need to duplicate services for our residents, generating tangible financial savings

1 *Regional Transit*



2 *Regional Water and Wastewater Servicing*



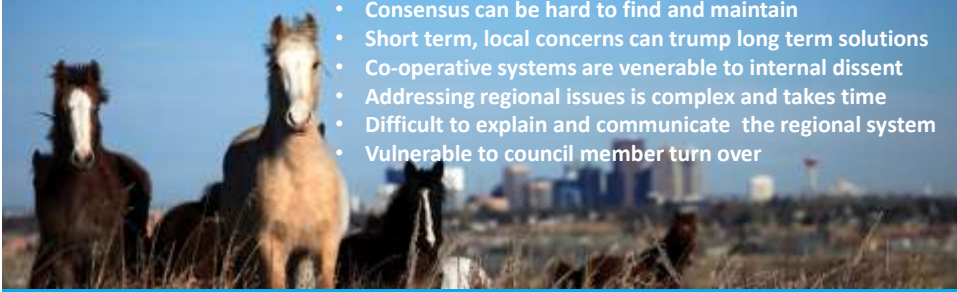
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Challenges ...

- Consensus can be hard to find and maintain
- Short term, local concerns can trump long term solutions
- Co-operative systems are vulnerable to internal dissent
- Addressing regional issues is complex and takes time
- Difficult to explain and communicate the regional system
- Vulnerable to council member turn over



Lessons Learned ...

- Planning for our collective future is a "political act"
- Identify compelling issues and start from there ...
- Build a strong vision and stick to it
- Challenge the story of "municipal autonomy"
- Take risks and challenge the status quo
- Commit to working together ...



Thank You...



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