

**TRANSITIONAL REGIONAL EVALUATION FRAMEWORK
For the Capital Region Board's Review of Statutory Plans**

1.0 Purpose

The Capital Region Board has been directed to prepare the Capital Region Growth Plan and submit it to the Province for ratification.

The purpose of the Transitional Regional Evaluation Framework is to provide criteria to allow the Capital Region Board to evaluate new municipal statutory plans and statutory plan amendments to ensure consistency with long-term regional interests, the Capital Region Board Regulation, and the "Working Together" report, while the Capital Region Growth Plan is under development.

2.0 Definitions

In addition to the definitions contained in the Capital Region Board Regulation, for the purpose of this Transitional Regional Evaluation Framework, the following definitions apply:

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| 2.1 | Adjacent | means contiguous land or land that would be contiguous if not for a railway, road or utility right of way, or reserve land; |
| 2.2 | Board | means the Capital Region Board as established by the Regulation; |
| 2.3 | Heavy Industrial Use | means a large scale industrial manufacturing or processing activity including but not limited to the following:
i) plants for the manufacture of petroleum products, pulp and paper products, stone, clay and glass products, cement and lime products, fertilizers, or animal byproducts;
ii) plants engaged in the primary metal industry, metal processing, the processing of natural gas or its derivatives, or the manufacture of asphalt; and
iii) gravel crushing facilities or incinerators; |
| 2.4 | Municipality | means any participating municipality defined in the Regulation; |
| 2.5 | Regulation | means the Capital Region Board Regulation. |

3.0 Municipality Review

- 3.1 A Municipality must refer to the Board any proposed Intermunicipal Development Plan or Municipal Development Plan, and any proposed amendment to an Intermunicipal Development Plan, prior to third reading of the plan bylaw.
- 3.2 A Municipality must refer to the Board any proposed amendment to a Municipal Development Plan, any proposed Area Structure Plan, and any proposed amendment to an Area Structure Plan, prior to third reading of the plan bylaw where any of the following conditions exist:

- a) the plan boundaries are within 0.5 km of a road identified in the Ten-Year Roads/Highways Improvements Plan prepared by ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. and shown as Figure 2 on page 25 of the "Working Together" Report; or
- b) the plan boundaries are within or adjacent to an existing Transportation and Utility Corridor or a proposed transportation and utility corridor approved by the Capital Region Board; or
- c) the plan is within a municipal district or within the boundaries of Strathcona County's rural service area and:
 - i) at full development the plan or plan amendment would result in the creation of 10 or more lots from the original quarter section; or
 - ii) the area of the parcel(s) proposed for subdivision is 16 hectares (40 acres) or less; or
- d) at full development the plan or plan amendment would result in the accommodation of 1,000 or more additional residents within the plan area; or
- e) at full development the plan or plan amendment would result in the creation of one or more lots intended to accommodate Heavy Industrial Use within an urban municipality, within 5 km of the municipal boundary of any city, or within 2 km of the municipal boundary of any town or village.

3.3 An amendment to a statutory plan referred by a Municipality to the Board must include

- a) the proposed plan amendment bylaw;
- b) sufficient documentation to explain the amendment; and
- c) a copy of the statutory plan as it is without the amendment.

4.0 Board Administration Review

4.1 Within 25 working days of receipt of the referred plan or plan amendment the Board administration must present to the Board a report and recommendation to either approve or reject the plan or 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 plan or 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 Board's procedural bylaw.

5.3 Prior to a formal vote on a plan or plan amendment the Board must hear

- a) from the Board administration; and
- b) from the municipality proposing the plan or plan amendment.

- 5.4 When evaluating a plan or 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; and
 - b) whether the approval and full implementation of the plan would result in a level, type and pattern of development that is consistent with all of the following:
 - i) the 2016 and 2041 regional population forecasts by municipality prepared by Applications Management Consulting Ltd. and ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. and shown in Table 3 on page 19 of the "Working Together" Report;
 - ii) the Ten-Year Roads/Highways Improvements Plan and the Next 35 Years Roads/Highways Improvement Plan prepared by ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. and shown as Figure 2 on page 25 and Figure 3 on page 26 of the "Working Together" Report;
 - iii) the Transit Network Concept - to 2016 and the Transit Network Concept - to 2041 prepared by ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. and shown as Figure 4 on page 28 and Figure 5 on page 29 of the "Working Together" Report;
 - iv) the existing Transportation and Utility Corridor or a Transportation and Utility Corridor Plan approved by the Board;
 - v) the boundaries and policies of Alberta's Heartland Industrial area structure plans; and
 - vi) the boundaries and policies of the Edmonton International Airport Area Structure Plan.
- 5.5 The Board must give its decision with reasons in writing to the municipality proposing the plan or plan amendment within 5 working days of the date of the decision.