

Request for Decision

Title	Growth Management Board Submission
Proposed Motion	That Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the letter as presented on behalf of Council, to the Honourable Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Growth Management Board discussion paper.
Administrative Recommendation	That Council approve the letter as presented, and authorize the Mayor to send the letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on behalf of Council.
Previous Council Direction	<p>July 12, 2016 – Motion 255/16 That Council accepts the Metro Edmonton Advisory Panel’s report as information.</p> <p>July 12, 2016 – Motion 256/16 That Council authorizes the Mayor and CAO to participate in continued negotiations with the Metro Mayors Alliance.</p> <p>June 28, 2016 – Motion 235/16 That Council authorize the Mayor to submit the letter and position package, as presented, to the AAMD&C, Alberta’s Industrial Heartland Association, and all Mayors and Reeves of Alberta Municipal Districts and Counties on behalf of Council regarding the Modernized Municipal Government Act.</p> <p>June 28, 2016 – Motion 236/16 That Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the letter as presented, on behalf of Council, to the Honourable Danielle Larivee, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Modernized Municipal Government Act.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i>, the Government of Alberta mandates that Growth Management Boards (GMB) be established for both the Calgary and Edmonton metropolitan regions. This new legislation replaces the existing framework for the Capital Region Board. At the December 8, 2016, Capital Region Board meeting, Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee provided an update on the proposal for GMBs for each region, specifically around membership and mandate.

- Following that presentation, Municipal Affairs released a discussion paper on the proposal, and asked that feedback be provided in writing by the end of January.
- Upon receiving this feedback, the Ministry will be tasked with collaborating with administrative representatives from the 13 member municipalities to draft a GMB Regulation for public feedback in spring 2017, to come into effect in the fall.
- The recommended response from Sturgeon County highlights the following:
 - That Sturgeon County supports the revised mandate but suggests that GIS be removed from it, given that informal partnerships and collaboration exist outside of the GMB;
 - That further clarification is required around the new membership and associated responsibilities. Towns and Villages should be able to have a say into Board decisions if they will be affected by them and an Inter-municipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) through the County may not be the most appropriate mechanism, as it could blur accountability.
 - As a group of 13, the GMB should adopt a ‘Triple Majority’ voting structure, which would include:
 - 2/3 population-base;
 - 2/3 membership-base; and
 - 2/3 land mass.
 (Note: MMA work was contemplating a 2/3 vote of membership)

External Communication

- None.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

Sturgeon County 2015/16 Advocacy Priorities and Plan
Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership – The proposed submission offers solutions to the Provincial Government that considers the well-being of the region, and demonstrates Sturgeon County’s leadership.

Organizational:




None.

Financial:

None.

Alternatives Considered

Council may alter the letter to provide additional content.

Follow up Action	1. Administration will work with the Mayor to submit the correspondence prior to January 31, 2017 (Intergovernmental Affairs, January 2017)
Attachment(s)	1. Letter to Minister Larivee 2. Growth Management Board Discussion Paper
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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

Mission: Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers fiscal stability and sustainability</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respect the Natural Environment			
<i>We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ensure effective environmental risk management</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Identity & Spirit			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Enhances service provision through community partnerships</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
<i>We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Positive impact on residents' quality of life</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Supports and promotes volunteer efforts</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<i>We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Streamlines operational processes and policies</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context</i> 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>