

Agenda Item: D.4

Request for Decision

Title	Sturgeon County Submission on Draft Growth Management Board Regulation
Proposed Motion	That Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the letter as presented on behalf of Council to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the proposed Growth Management Board Regulation.
Administrative Recommendation	That Council approve the submission package as presented and authorize the Mayor to send it to the Minister of Municipal Affairs on behalf of Council.
Previous Council Direction	January 24, 2017 – Motion 041/17 That Council authorize the Mayor to sign and submit the letter as presented on behalf of Council, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the Growth Management Board discussion paper.
Report	 As part of the <i>Modernized Municipal Government Act</i>, the Government of Alberta mandates that Growth Management Boards (GMBs) be established for both the Calgary and Edmonton metropolitan regions. This new legislation replaces the existing framework for the Capital Region Board (CRB). At the December 8, 2016, Capital Region Board Meeting, the Minister of Municipal Affairs provided an update on the GMB Regulation proposed for each region, specifically around membership and mandate. At that point in time, the key take-aways were that the current CRB membership would be reduced from 24 to 13 municipalities and that its replacement, the new Edmonton Region GMB, would have a different mandate—including economic development, and the requirement to develop a Regional Servicing Plan. Following this presentation, the Ministry released a discussion paper on the proposal, to which Sturgeon County Council responded on January 24, 2017. In the spring, a draft version of the Regulation were workshopped with CAOs and then shared with the 13 Mayors of the GMB municipalities.

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- The proposed 'Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Regulation' and 'Calgary Metropolitan Region Board Regulation' were released for public comment on September 18, 2017.
- Administration has compiled and enclosed an analysis of the proposed Regulation (Attachment 2).
- Based on this analysis, a draft response has been prepared for Council's review and approval, consistent with Council's Advocacy Plan and previous Council correspondence to the Minister on this topic (Attachment 1).
- Although Municipal Affairs has allotted 60-days for feedback on all other MGA Regulations, the period for comment on this Regulation closes on October 2, 2017 (14-day period).

External Communication

None.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

- 2017 Sturgeon County Council Advocacy Plan
- Municipal Government Act, RSA 2000, c. M-26

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership – Advocating for Sturgeon County's, and the region's interests to be present within the "Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Regulation" is consistent with providing effective leadership and management.

Organizational:

None.

Financial:

None.

Alternatives Considered

Council authorize the Mayor to send the submission on behalf of Council, as amended.

Follow up Action

1. Administration will work with the Mayor to submit the correspondence prior to October 2, 2017 (Intergovernmental Affairs, September 2017).

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Attachment(s)

- 1. Proposed GMB Regulation Submission (Attachment 1)
- 2. Analysis of Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board Regulation (Attachment 2)
- 3. Proposed Edmonton GMB Regulation (Attachment 3)
- 4. Current Capital Region Board Regulation (Attachment 4)

Report Reviewed

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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			
We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)			
Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies		×	
Considers fiscal stability and sustainability			⊠
Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation			\boxtimes
Respect the Natural Environment			
We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation		×	
Ensure effective environmental risk management		\boxtimes	
Community Identity & Spirit			
We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County		\boxtimes	
Enhances service provision through community partnerships			\boxtimes
Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history		\boxtimes	
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
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)		×	
 Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP 		\boxtimes	
Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications		×	
Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure		×	
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		\boxtimes	
Positive impact on residents' quality of life		\boxtimes	
Supports and promotes volunteer efforts		\boxtimes	
 Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents 			
Operational Excellence]
We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner		⊠	
Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs			
Streamlines operational processes and policies		\boxtimes	
Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders			
Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context			

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