

What should you get from this evening:

Briefly:

- The 3 land-use planning activities.
- The Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP).
- The CRP Draft Plan.

And, then:

- MD Councils three concerns with this Plan.

- MD Council needs your input.

So, the 3 planning activities:

1. **Provincial** Land Use Framework (**PLUF**)
2. **MD Foothills** Municipal Development Plan (**MDP**)
3. **Calgary** Regional Partnership Plan (**CRP Draft Plan**)

CRP Draft Plan:

- ***60 year regional growth from 1.2 to 2.8 M.***
- ***95% in cities, towns & Hamlets.***
- ***Aim for a lower human footprint.***
- ***Public consultation in March & April.***
- ***Signatures needed in June 2009.***

Who is in the Calgary Regional Partnership? (CRP)

Cities (2): Calgary & Airdrie

Towns (12):

Okotoks	Irricana	Cochrane
Turner Valley	Nanton	Canmore
Black Diamond	Chestermere	Banff
High River	Crossfield	Strathmore

Rurals (3):

Foothills Rockyview Wheatland

-17 member CRP Board.

What is the CRP Draft Plan?

a. Set of Policies:

1. Working Together.
2. Regional Landscape.
3. Regional Settlement Pattern.
4. Regional Infrastructure & Services.

b. Set of Conceptual maps:

- Urban Growth areas (“Blue Blobs”)
- Features of the rural areas.

Note:

- MD Council must agree to CRP policies **but**,
- “keeps authority on how to implement policies”???

- ***What we sign affects you permanently!***

- ***The wording in the Plan is what counts!***

1. “Working Together” Policies:

“Member Municipalities will abide by the agreed-upon CRP decision-making and dispute resolution process to:

- a) Endorse and amend the CRP Draft Plan and,
- b) Make regional scale implementation decisions”.

1. CRP decision-making uses a **double majority** vote:

- **Firstly**, support of 2/3 or more of the members,
- **And**, these members must represent a majority of the population.

2. But, **no limits** on where CRP may use this vote: **(#1)**

- Amendments on any matter at all!
- Regional implementation decisions on anything!

2. “Regional Landscape” Policies:

- Protection of the land.
- Protection of rivers, streams and wetlands.
- Biodiversity, Air Quality & Climate Change.
- ***Council fully supports these policies, and is***
- ***“Responsible to implement how it judges best”.***

But, the Plan wording is ambiguous. CRP can freeze the lands of MD residents by:

- Imposing excessive water setbacks!
- Preventing the use of septic systems!
- Creating huge wildlife corridors! **(#2)**

**- *CRP is not elected by and
is not accountable to MD residents.***

3. “Regional Settlement” Policies:

Regional population grows from 1.2 to 2.8 million.

1. Urban growth:

- a. Existing areas – take 25% of the growth.
- b. New areas - develop at 8-10 units /acre.

2. Rural growth:

- a. Existing CR lands (25% or more of the growth)
- b. Newer CR areas but with “clustered” smaller lots.
- c. Hamlets.

- Council supports the policies but

On the Urban Growth Areas (Blue Blobs):

1. These lands can only be developed at an average of 8-10 units per acre. (I.e. city densities).
2. The boundaries are basically fixed since Calgary has a veto if you try to make large changes.

So, this will effectively freeze the lands of some MD residents until they are developed in future by our urban neighbours.

Most MD residents affected:

- ***Would not know their land is frozen.***
- ***Would not have chance for any input.***

(#3)

In summary, Council wants 3 changes to the CRP

Draft Plan:

1. Regional Landscape Policies:

“Each municipality must remain responsible for the ecological land-use decisions such as water setbacks, wildlife corridors, etc. in its own jurisdiction, in accord with provincial legislation and CRP policies while being responsive to MD residents”.

- *This is an issue of property rights and,*
- *CRP is not elected and not accountable.*

2. Regional Settlement Policies:

“Before the 60-year urban growth areas in the MD Foothills are finalized, affected MD residents must have the opportunity to be fully advised, to understand the impact and to provide input.

- *Again, an issue of property rights.*
- *This annexation needs open discussion.*

3. Amendments to the Plan:

“Amendments must have a unanimous vote if the CRP wishes to take over any land-use authority from a municipality”.

- *Again, an issue of property rights and,*
- *A prudent protection of MD residents rights.*

- *Your MD Council needs direction from you.*

We welcome your feedback:

Circle one

Was the information clear and helpful?

Yes

No

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Yes

No

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Regional Settlement Policies - Before the Calgary 60-year growth areas in the MD Foothills are finalized, affected MD residents must have the opportunity to be fully advised, to understand the impact and to provide their input.

Yes

No

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Working Together Policies - Amendments must have a unanimous vote if the CRP wishes to take over any land-use authority from a municipality.

Yes

No

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Please do add any comments on the other side.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Thank you.