

M.D. of Foothills No. 31 NEWS

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE

About Land Use Planning That Will Affect You! **The Calgary Regional Partnership - Calgary Metropolitan Plan**

MD residents are strongly urged to read this letter as it includes information which your MD Council believes *could significantly affect your property*.

The Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) is a group of 17 local municipal Councils in the Calgary area, including the MD of Foothills, which has developed a Draft Plan to manage the future population growth of 1.6 million in the region over the next 60 years. Open Houses on the CRP Draft Plan are being held and you are encouraged to attend. Land-use plans are also being developed by the province and the MD of Foothills.

The MD Council is supportive of much of the CRP Draft Plan and its policies and thinks you will be too. However, we continue to have **3 serious concerns** with the Draft Plan and the CRP has chosen not to make changes to respond to these concerns:

1. A substantial amount of land is needed for future urban style growth and these lands are shown in the CRP Draft Plan. These lands may be frozen from development until they can later (perhaps much later) be developed at high city densities. However, many affected MD residents may not be aware of this aspect of the Plan and its impact upon them until too late.
2. The Draft CRP Plan leaves it open for the CRP to choose how to implement certain policies which could severely restrict MD residents' present, and potential use of their land including possible sub-division. The CRP is neither elected by nor accountable to MD residents, but the MD Council which is elected, would be unable to prevent this.
3. We have a similar concern with the CRP having an unrestricted mandate to later amend the draft Plan. We cannot know if it may be amended in ways which may significantly and adversely affect MD residents against their wishes and those of Council.

Open Houses are being held by the MD of Foothills, where these concerns are to be discussed and you are encouraged to attend (see the sidebar).

Your opinion is important to Council as it determines how to proceed on this matter. Please express your views, through our website, email or writing a letter to us.

More information is available on the web sites of the
Calgary Regional Partnership as well as the MD of Foothills.

<http://www.calgaryregion.ca>

<http://www.mdfoothills.com>

MD of Foothills OPEN HOUSES

March 30, 2009
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Davisburg Hall
Davisburg

April 2, 2009
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Hebson Arena
Hebson

April 6, 2009
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Priddis Community Hall
Priddis

April 7, 2009
7:00 - 9:00 pm
Millarville Race Track
Millarville

April 9, 2009
7:00 - 9:00 pm
MD Admin. Bldg.
309 Macleod Trail
High River

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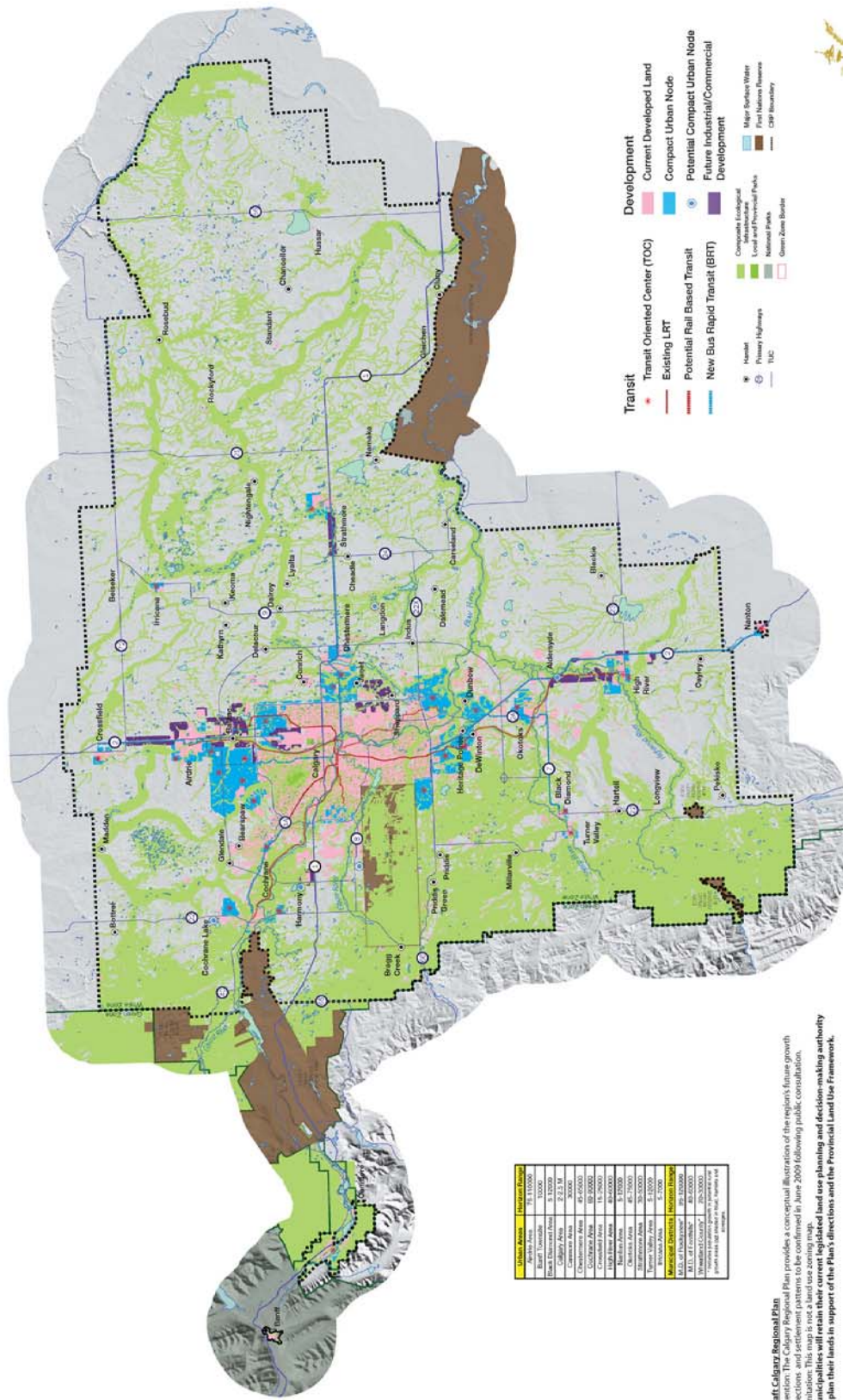


Planning Concept Map

(For Discussion Purposes Only)

Draft Calgary Regional Plan

Tuesday, March 3, 2009



Urban Area	Population Area
Alberta Area	75,110,000
Calgary Area	1,100,000
Calgary Urban Area	310,000
Calgary Metropolitan Area	500,000
Calgary Region	600,000
Calgary Urban Area	310,000
Calgary Metropolitan Area	500,000
Calgary Region	600,000
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Draft Calgary Regional Plan
 This plan provides a conceptual illustration of the region's future growth directions and settlement patterns to be confirmed in June 2009 following public consultation. This map is not a land use zoning map. Municipalities will retain their current legislated land use planning and decision-making authority to plan their lands in support of the Plan's directions and the Provincial Land Use Framework.

