

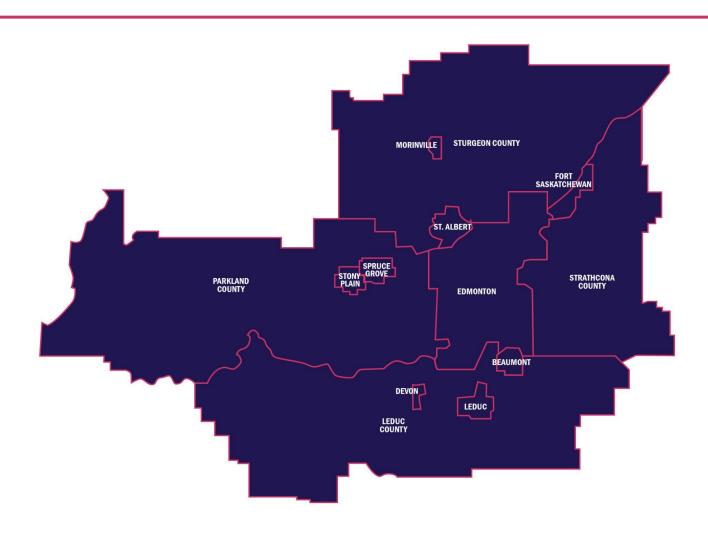
### **Council Orientation Presentation**

November/December 2021

## **CED Overview**

Highlights of the CED initiative.

# **Edmonton Metropolitan Region**



### **CED Overview**

- Economic development contributes to a region's economic diversity and resilience by attracting new businesses and jobs
- Regional economic development can reduce intermunicipal competition, boost competitiveness, attract investment and generate more direct revenue for local governments
- CED is a positive opportunity for the region to work together to drive our economy forward, create jobs, support economic recovery and future growth by making the region more attractive for business investment

### **CED Overview**

- **Competitive offering** tailored to meet business investment needs and attract non-residential growth and investment opportunities
- Produce an approach to jointly develop shovel ready land and incentivize businesses to locate there
  - Establish business appropriate infrastructure, utilities and service levels.
  - Reduce red tape and costs to business by streamlining service delivery and leveraging municipal strengths
- Develop a net new revenue sharing mechanism proportional to level of investment

### **Value Proposition**

- Opportunity to generate revenue from non-residential growth outside our individual municipal boundaries
- Attract large impact investments at lower individual costs
- Create more competitive offerings across the region
- **Encourage** responsible growth (EMRB Growth Plan)
- Reduce intermunicipal competition

#### **EDMONTON GLOBAL**

**SUPPORTS** in investment attraction

#### **MUNICIPAL & SUBREGIONAL EDO & ENTITIES**

**COORDINATES & STREAMLINES**to enhance investment readiness

#### **EDMONTON METROPOLITAN REGIONAL BOARD**

**ALIGNS** with the Growth Plan and Land Use

### **Conceptual Framework**

#### Together, the partners will:

- Develop a series of tools and policies to attract additional non-residential business investment. This could include incentives, process improvements, infrastructure investment etc.
- 2. Identify investment locations throughout the region aligned with key sector opportunities
- 3. Work with partners to attract businesses to these locations
- 4. Share the costs associated with getting identified land ready for the business investment
- 5. Share in the direct benefits from the new business investment, such as property tax revenues



# Memorandum Of Understanding

Commitment to develop a CED framework

### **Memorandum Of Understanding**

- Signed April 12, 2021
- Non-binding
- Agreed upon scope is for the development of the framework
- Land development and incentive costs are outside the scope of the MOU and would be a future Council decision
- The framework is being developed so that other partners can participate. Their input will be essential.



# **Six Guiding Principles**

By joining this initiative, the partners agree:

- 1. To share revenue proportionate to level-of-investment
- 2. To be prepared to invest in property outside of municipal boundaries
- 3. To focus on attraction and expansion of net new non-residential growth
- 4. To build upon regional agreements surrounding economic development (e.g. Edmonton Global's key sectors)
- 5. That all policies and processes in the Focus Areas will be analyzed and optimized whenever possible
- 6. That participation is voluntary



# **CED Project Update**

- Working Group includes staff from 6 partner municipalities
  - Responsible for the development of project deliverables
- Liaison Committee includes members from all 13 partner municipalities
  - Provides strategic and quality guidance
- Steering Committee is comprised of 13 partner CAOs
  - Provides strategic advice and approves project deliverables
- Oversight Committee is comprised of 13 partner Mayors
  - Provides strategic direction and political guidance

#### Completed

Phase 1 and Phase 2:

- Memorandum of Understanding
- Communications Plan
- Investment Attraction Best Practices Review and Summary
- Cost and Revenue Sharing Model Review and Recommendations
- Investment Attraction / Incentive Feasibility Analysis and Recommendations

Q1 - Q4 2021

Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3 Phase 4

#### **Current Activities**

#### Phase 3:

- Detailed Site Analysis and Selection
- Process Improvement Analysis
- Incentive Framework Development
- Validation of Key Model Assumptions

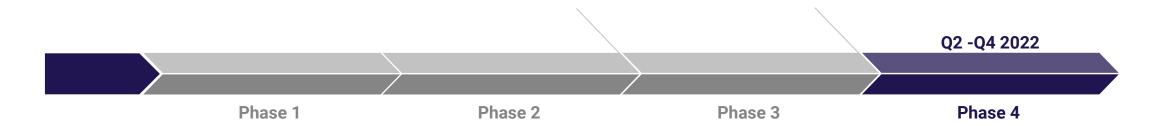
Q4 2021 - Q2 2022

Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3 Phase 4

#### **Future Activities**

#### Phase 4:

- Municipal Process Improvement Recommendations
- Financial Modeling
- Implementation Plan
- Project Closure



# **Thank You**

# **CED Project Approach**

Straw Dog of the initiative.

### **Location Identification and Selection**

- Identify potential focus areas based on market demand
  - Determined through validated leads
  - Aligned with Edmonton Global
  - Locations provided by partners
  - Scale of Focus Areas: Quarter Section
  - Location Type: Greenfield / Brownfield
  - Owner: Private / Developer / Municipal

Partners may participate in any investment opportunity regardless of its location



### **Location Identification and Selection**

2. Score and rank Focus Areas using an objective and repeatable criteria

#### Examples:

- Locational advantages
- Site readiness / existing infrastructure
- Aligned with existing plans



### **Location Identification and Selection**

- 3. Develop a Focus Area Plan to make select locations business ready
  - Identifies infrastructure and servicing needs
  - Identifies possible incentives
  - Number of plans to be determined



### **Development and Operation**

- 4. Plan and determine partners contributions
  - Determine detailed costs
  - Identify contributing partners, based on desire to participate
  - Determine contribution amounts for each participating partner
  - Enter into a legally binding partnership agreement



### **Development and Operation**

- 5. Implement plan and provide continuous optimization/evaluation
  - Collaborate with economic development stakeholders on ways to market focus areas (e.g. Edmonton Global)
  - Implement the Focus Area Plan.
  - Operate for the duration of the investment horizon.
  - Monitor, evaluate, and report.

