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than the sum
of our **parts**

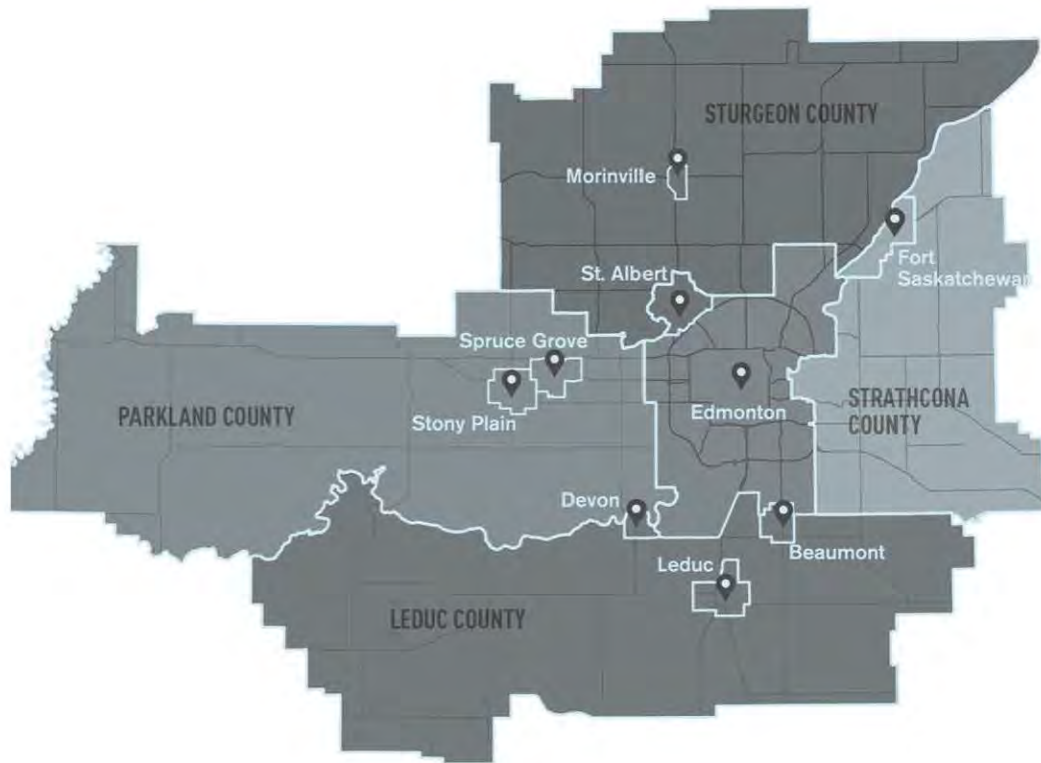
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Who is the EMRB



13 municipalities (with 5000 or more population).

1/3 of Alberta's population.

750,000 jobs.

30% of Alberta's GDP

2nd youngest and second fastest growing metropolitan Region in Canada.

1 Shared Vision

1950

Edmonton District Planning Commission forms as voluntary planning commission

1981

Edmonton Metropolitan Planning Commission forms and commissions first regional metropolitan plan

2017

New Growth Plan: Re-Imagine. Plan. Build. Legislated expansion of GMB mandate; CRB becomes EMRB

1963

Edmonton Regional Planning Commission forms as mandatory regional planning body

1995

Municipal Government Act is amended and planning commissions and mandatory regional planning are dissolved.

GAP IN REGIONAL PLANNING POLICY

2008

Formation of Capital Region Board (CRB) by Government of Alberta as a Regional Services Commission

A look at the history of regional collaboration

Shared Vision



A unified Region better positions us to meet the challenges of a growing population and economy.

The Edmonton Metropolitan Region is the dominant hub for northern Alberta and is globally recognized for its economic diversity, entrepreneurialism, leadership in energy development, environmental stewardship, and excellent quality of life.

The Region is anchored by a thriving core that is interconnected with diverse urban and rural communities.

As a Region we are committed to growing collaboratively through the efficient use of infrastructure, building compact communities, and fostering economic opportunities and healthy lifestyles.

What is the EMRB

A table to learn from one another, solve common challenges and seize regional opportunities.

Creates the conditions for sustainable and cost-efficient growth, maximizes economic opportunities and improves quality of life through:

- developing growth and servicing plans that guide planning and service delivery.
- developing coordinating policies for regional infrastructure investment and service delivery.
- ensuring efficient land use, including environmentally responsible land use planning.
- providing certainty to investors / developers etc.
- promoting sustainable and economic well-being and competitiveness.

Enabling **Responsible** Growth



Creating conditions for:

economic development
and investment.

improving quality of life for
our residents.

planning and building for future
generations.

fostering dynamic regional
conversations.



Legislated Mandate

The Board shall:

- promote the long-term sustainability.
- ensure environmentally responsible land use planning.
- develop policies relating to coordinating regional infrastructure investment and service delivery.
- promote the economic well-being and competitiveness.
- develop policies outlining how the Board shall engage the public.

Decision-Making

Consensus-based process:

- understanding and respecting municipal perspectives.
- developing a shared value proposition and outcomes.
- evidence-based / data driven decision making.
- establishing taskforces and working groups.
- enlisting subject matter experts.

Voting structure:

- 2/3 of members representing 2/3 of the population.

Specific mandated duties

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In fulfilling its mandate, the Board shall further:

- prepare a growth plan.
- prepare a servicing plan.
- advise and make recommendations to the Minister.
- facilitate the resolution of issues arising from the preparation and implementation.
- develop and implement policies for the sharing of costs for regional projects.

Governance Model



EMRB Regulation - Municipal participation is mandatory:

- fulfilling the mandate of the Board – not discretionary.
- taking an active leadership role.
- delivering services approved by the Board.
- implementing the growth plan, servicing plan and cost-shared regional projects.

Board members:

- are appointed by virtue of election to municipal council.
- work in the best interests of the Region while bringing municipal perspectives to the table.

Roles & Responsibilities of Board Members

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Board members:

- instill a strategic focus and inspire a compelling citizen-centric Board vision.
- foster effective interpersonal relationships and work collaboratively.
- actively participate in Board debate and discussion.
- demonstrate a working knowledge of the EMRB Regulation and other provincial obligations.
- keep up to date and informed.
- report on the activities and decisions of the Board to respective municipal councils.
- represent the Region and be prepared to speak at events and meetings.



Budget & Funding

2021-2022 budget — \$3.4M

- \$1.5M provincial ACP Grant.
- Roughly \$1.9M in contributions from member municipalities (based on proportional funding formula).
- Ratio will shift 2:1 in 2022-2023 with majority of funding coming from members.

Bringing Value

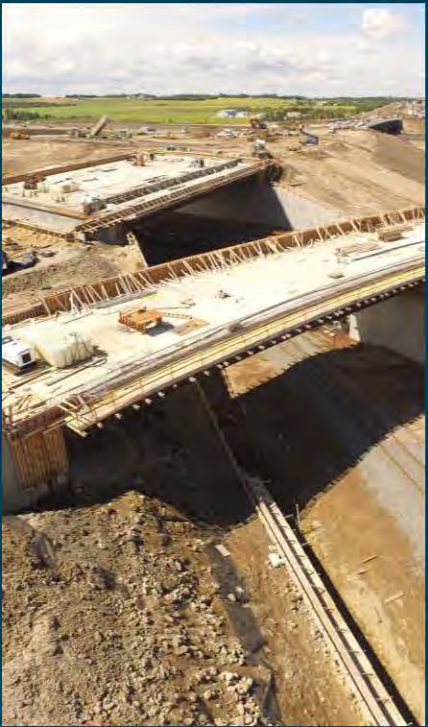
Using our land wisely to protect our quality of life for future generations.

- Focusing on issues that are regionally significant.
- Creating the conditions for prosperity.
- Creating operational efficiencies.



Growth Plan

Re-imagine. Plan. Build.



When the Region plans together, the benefits will be shared.

- Savings of nearly 160km² land – equivalent of Elk Island National Park.
- An estimated \$5B savings over the next 30 years – equivalent to 300 schools.
- Improves the connectedness and competitiveness of the Region as a destination for talent and investment.
- Enhances the quality of life for citizens.

EMRB's growth plan, Re-Imagine. Plan. Build. received the 2017 Canadian Institute of Planners Award for City and Regional Planning Excellence.

Delivering Results

Our work benefits our Region today and for generations to come.

Metropolitan Region Servicing Plan (MRSP)

- Supports the growth plan by planning for 1 million more residents in service areas where the EMRB can have the most impact.
- 4 priority service areas:
 - solid waste
 - stormwater
 - fire/EMS, and
 - emergency management.



Delivering Results

Integrated Regional Transportation Master Plan

(IRTMP)

- A shared plan that guides transportation decisions and public investment of regionally significant transportation infrastructure.
- Plans for movement of goods, services, and people through the Region.
- Key factor in economic development, investment decisions, reducing duplication, prioritizing investments.
- Helps inform the Government of Alberta's capital planning process.



Delivering Results

Regional Agriculture Master Plan

(RAMP)



- First-ever regional plan to manage land use.
- Protecting rural communities and enabling food security.
- Seizing the economic imperative of diversification and growing value-added agriculture and agri-food sectors:
 - Potential to create jobs and increase the Region's economic prosperity by an estimated \$10 billion.
 - Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA).

Delivering Results

Shared Investment for Shared Benefit

(SISB)

- Framework and model for identifying and exploring regionally significant initiatives, by sharing costs, resources, data, expertise, and benefits.
- Supports economic competitiveness and sustainability.

Regional Broadband

- Comprehensive look at the connectivity of the Region and identifies the gaps and opportunities.
- Helps to build the business case and provides the data to attract significant investors.
- Will contribute to improving our competitive advantage and enhance the quality of life for residents.

Delivering Results

Housing Diversity

Ensuring residents have access to affordable housing:

- becoming more pressing with an aging population and increasingly diverse population.
- housing choices across our Region are somewhat limited and do not address the diversity of housing needs today and in the future.
- several plans and frameworks were completed to identify pathways forward.
- requires support from other orders of government for sustainable funding.



Delivering Results

Regional Evaluation Framework

(REF)

- Primary tool used by member municipalities to ensure consistency with the growth plan.
- Provides greater certainty for municipalities, residents, and developers.



Delivering Results

Regional Geographic Information System

- Expand regional capacity and to deliver regional geographic data and information to support evidence-based decision making for the region.

Regional Key Performance Indicators

- Enable the EMRB to measure both progress towards long-term outcomes of the growth plan, strategic plan and business plan.

Incubator & Supporter of Other Regional Initiatives

- Incubating Edmonton Global.
- Supporting the new Edmonton Metropolitan Transit Services Commission.



2021-2024 A Region by Design

STRATEGIC PLAN

Our work is legacy work, critical to the future success and sustainability of our Province, our Region, and future generations.

Priority 1

- Enable Responsible Growth Across the Region.

Priority 2

- Commit to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Practices and Policies.

Priority 3

- Collaborate to Enhance Outcomes Across the Region.

Questions?



Thank you.

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