



## Chamber recommendations featured in provincial land-use framework

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In May, the provincial government released a draft land-use framework to establish regional plans to balance environmental, social and economic needs and establish greater certainty for decision-makers and industry. The Calgary Chamber of Commerce participated in initial consultations on the framework and was pleased to see policy recommendations integrated as priority actions including:

- The creation of a metropolitan plan for the Calgary region that takes a regional perspective to transportation, infrastructure planning and growth management, in collaboration with the Calgary Regional Partnership;
- Support for higher density infill development to make better use of existing infrastructure; and
- A transportation and utility corridors strategy that offers a long-term solution to many of the land use problems we face today by concentrating major facilities in one area, and avoids the costly and divisive hearings on utility land use issues affecting Alberta.

"Business prosperity is predicated upon policy and regulatory certainty," said Heather Douglas, President & CEO of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce in a June 11 letter to the Minister of Sustainable Resource Development. "Getting the right policy in place is a shared responsibility of industry and government."

The Chamber will continue to play an active role in the development of the land-use framework, and will take particular interest in the creation of the Calgary Regional Plan.