

Transforming Regional Governance for the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region

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Introduction

If Manitoba wants to remain strong and prosperous, it needs a reliable, cohesive and comprehensive regional plan that incorporates economic development, infrastructure, social equality and environmental concerns. We know that having access to clean water, essential municipal services, thriving communities and good jobs will help grow the economy and ensure we remain resilient.

Based on best practice from across North America and leading expert advice, in 2019, the province of Manitoba tasked the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region (WMR) to develop Draft Plan20-50. To do this, the WMR undertook a balanced approach by engaging a team of experts to address the region's needs and ensure the key components necessary for a regional plan. We reviewed numerous studies and engaged over 1200 organizations and individuals, spending over 1000 hours compiling accurate and up-to-date data to develop the draft.

KEY POINTS

- ✓ Draft Plan20-50 will be released publicly for comment and feedback on April 9, 2021.
- ✓ Comments and feedback received by June 1, 2021 will be compiled into the Review Report and submitted with Draft Plan20-50 to the Minister of Municipal Relations for the province of Manitoba.
- ✓ Draft Plan20-50 will be subject to approval and adoption as outlined in the regulations for Bill-37.

Draft Plan20-50: A Paradigm Shift

What is being proposed is a paradigm shift for the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region and as with all changes to the status quo, vision is required:

- ✓ A broad and diversified economy that provides good jobs to support our growing region, leveraging our competitive advantage with an eye toward a circular economy.
- ✓ A vibrant collection of unique and thriving complete communities that provide a range of housing choices, amenities and recreation to support a high-quality of life for all.
- ✓ Protection of agricultural lands to support the economy and food security.
- ✓ Robust, healthy ecosystems supported by a network of natural assets, protecting our communities and enhancing resilience to the impacts of a changing climate.
- ✓ Future-ready and coordinated transportation routes that safely connect our communities to, from, and within the region, moving people to jobs and goods to market.
- ✓ Strong collaborative relationships between all levels of government, business and industry, Indigenous communities and civil society.



Draft Plan20-50 has Five Integrated Policy Areas:

Integrated Communities and Infrastructure: *a long-range regional growth and servicing plan contemplates efficient and effective regional coordination of infrastructure investment as the foundation of every strong community.*

- ✓ Aligning growth with infrastructure and services to support growing communities;
- ✓ Protecting agriculture lands, resource areas and natural lands and water; and
- ✓ Providing housing choices for all – recognizing our aging population and future workforce needs.

Investment and Employment: *Manitoba's economy is poised for growth. By planning regionally, we reduce the development of local economies in isolation.*

- ✓ Promoting expanded economic opportunities to support a diverse economy with real-time data;
- ✓ Investing strategically in infrastructure and services to ensure an adequate supply of serviced land for businesses to grow and relocate here; and
- ✓ Supporting a high quality of life to attract the diverse workforce we need.

One Environment: *Responding to the effects of extreme weather requires a shared approach.*

- ✓ Ensuring long-term access to quality water supply;
- ✓ Managing our water resources by protecting the ecological health of watersheds;
- ✓ Supporting a natural assets network in the region to support climate resiliency; and
- ✓ Planning to transition to a low-carbon future.

Resource Management: *Resources support a growing economy – they generate income, employment and support export opportunities.*

- ✓ Reaffirming through our actions that agriculture is a major economic driver; and
- ✓ Planning to ensure our mineral aggregate resources are protected

Collaborative Governance: *Good working relationships are the foundation to incorporate the needs of communities and build a prosperous Winnipeg Metropolitan Region for all.*

- ✓ Improving coordination of land-use planning, infrastructure investment and service in the region;
- ✓ Supporting regional coordination and improve access for all to real-time, consistent and accurate data;
- ✓ Encouraging and promoting asset management planning to support regional priorities; and
- ✓ Collaborating with our partners in business, industry, NGOs and all levels of government including Indigenous Nations.

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