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## **Calgary Regional Partnership receives implementation grant of close to \$700,000**

*Calgary...* The Calgary Regional Partnership (CRP) has received a grant of \$699,250 from the Government of Alberta to support the continued development of inter-municipal projects. The announcement was made today at the Partnership's official launch in Okotoks.

The Calgary Regional Partnership was established to identify ways for municipalities to develop and share services for the benefit of residents across the region. The partnership will focus on matters such as water and waste management, transportation, communications, emergency response, and regional economic development.

"It is becoming increasingly important for municipalities to coordinate their operations in order to operate effectively and efficiently," said Guy Boutilier, Minister of Municipal Affairs. "This regional partnership will help municipalities find new and innovative ways to provide services that meet the needs of their residents."

Bill McAlpine, Mayor of Okotoks and Chairman of the Partnership, expressed his appreciation for the support from the Government of Alberta.

"The Minister of Municipal Affairs has shown terrific leadership regarding regionalism in our Province," said McAlpine. "These funds will help advance many important projects that support our goals of prosperity, environmental sustainability, and municipal services."

The 15 municipal jurisdictions that make up the Calgary Regional Partnership are: Airdrie, Black Diamond, Canmore, Calgary, Chestermere, Cochrane, High River, Okotoks, Redwood Meadows, Turner Valley, Strathmore, M.D. of Rocky View, M.D. of Big Horn, M.D. of Foothills, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation.

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