

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15

Motions:

1. That Council give first reading to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15.
2. That Council give second reading to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15.
3. That Council provide unanimous consent to proceed with third and final reading to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15.
4. That Council give third reading to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information and housekeeping changes to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15, and recommend that three readings be given.

Background:

The *Emergency Management Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.E-6.8, requires that “A local authority shall maintain an Emergency Management Agency to act as the agent of the local authority in exercising the local authority’s powers and duties under this Act.” Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15 aligns with the *Emergency Management Act* and the corporate structure within the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

The Emergency Management Bylaw empowers the municipality to implement appropriate duties under the *Emergency Management Act*, including activation of the Municipal Emergency Plan. The Bylaw further clarifies who is responsible for declaring a state of local emergency should the need arise. The roles and responsibilities identified in the City of Fort Saskatchewan’s Municipal Emergency Plan parallels the Emergency Management Bylaw. Both the Bylaw and Plan outline formal decision making processes and a clear delegation of authority which would minimize consequences in the event of an emergency.

With the updating of City departments and subsequent name changes within the City’s organization, it is necessary to update the Emergency Management Bylaw to reflect the changes that have occurred. Upon third reading of Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15, Emergency Management Bylaw C6-12 will be repealed. Having a bylaw that is current with provincial legislation is a proactive approach for emergency and protective services preparedness.

Alternatives:

1. That Council give three readings to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15.
2. That Council not give three readings to Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15, and advise how they wish to proceed.

Financial Implications:

Establishing Bylaw C4-15, as aligned with the *Emergency Management Act* and the City's current organizational structure, may reduce the financial risk to the City in the event of an emergency.

Enclosures:

1. Emergency Management Bylaw C4-15 (proposed)
2. Emergency Management Bylaw C6-12 (current)

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