

**2022 Strathcona County Emergency Management Agency Update****Report Purpose**

To provide an update on the Strathcona County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA) and propose a revised Municipal Emergency Plan (MEP) for approval.

**Recommendation**

THAT the Municipal Emergency Plan, as set out in enclosure 2 of the November 29, 2022 Emergency Services report, be approved.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 4 - Municipal Excellence  
Governance Requirement

Goal 4 Priority - Relationships with all levels of government and key stakeholders that are strategic, purposeful and productive.

**Report**

The Strathcona County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA) developed a corporate multi-year training plan in accordance with the Alberta Emergency Management (EM) Act of 2018, and the Local Area Emergency Management Regulation (LAEMR) that came into effect on January 1, 2020 as a means to audit the effectiveness of municipal preparedness. The plan defines both individual (course based) and collective (tabletop or functional) exercises that test both members of our response teams and our institutional plans. The annual training plan is by design, progressive in nature and over time identifies individuals for greater responsibility and mentorship opportunities from senior leadership. While training is required to ensure we are ready, it remains predictable and balanced so as not to significantly interrupt ongoing departmental operations.

The training of our staff assigned to fulfil key functions and testing our guiding documents and processes are critical to ensure the County is ready to respond to major and emerging incidents that effect the continuity of our business operations and the safety of the community.

The Municipal Emergency Plan (MEP) defines the training requirements for the Emergency Management (EM) framework and is a municipal requirement defined within the Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation (LAEMR). Components of the MEP have been updated to reflect current provincial standards and are presented today for approval.

This ongoing work by SCEMA will define an emergency management multi-year training plan with mentorship, clarity of training objectives, and EM framework rostered personnel training in accordance with the MEP and LAEMR.

These measures foster a safe and livable community for residents and businesses within Strathcona County.

The EM Implementation plan identifies key tasks required by each department both annually and every four years. The plan also encourages departments to permit staff time to train as part of SCEMA to grow the resiliency of Strathcona County.

### **Council and Committee History**

- January 19, 2021      Council Passed: THAT the Municipal Emergency Plan, as set out in enclosure 3 of the January 19, 2021 Emergency Services report, be approved
- October 28, 2021      Council Orientation - Emergency Advisory Committee (overview)

### **Other Impacts**

**Policy:** N/A

**Legislative/Legal:** Municipal requirement

**Financial/Budget:** N/A

**Interdepartmental:** Interdepartmental training required at all levels of the County

**Master Plan/Framework:** N/A

### **Communication Plan**

If Council passes the changes to the MEP, a communications strategy will identify key messaging, tactics, and timelines for communication to key stakeholders utilizing existing processes and procedures.

### **Enclosures**

- 1                      2022 SCEMA Update Presentation
- 2                      Municipal Emergency Plan revised November 2022