

Bylaw 42-2023 Emergency Management Bylaw (Amending Bylaw No. 1)**Report Purpose**

To seek three readings of amending Bylaw 42-2023, an amending bylaw to ensure an effective emergency response, consistency with the Emergency Management Act, RSA 2000, c E-6.8, and to reflect County organizational changes.

Recommendation

THAT Bylaw 42-2023 Emergency Management Bylaw Amending Bylaw No. 1, a bylaw to ensure effective emergency response, consistency with the Emergency Act, (RSA 2000, c E-6.8, and to reflect County organizational changes, be given first reading.

THAT Bylaw 42-2023 be given second reading.

THAT Bylaw 42-2023 be considered for third reading.

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THAT the Municipal Emergency Plan, as set out in enclosure 2 of the November 28 Emergency Services report, be approved.

Our 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 *Emergency Management Act* (the Act) and the *Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation* (LEMR) are the primary provincial legislation which outlines the roles and responsibilities for municipalities within Alberta in preparation and response to emergencies.

Strathcona County's current Emergency Management Bylaw, 17-2018, reflected best practices of the Emergency Management (EM) function within the County prior to the Parkade incident and the COVID-19 pandemic. Since these events, the emergency management framework has evolved based on lessons learned, highlighting the need to build capacity, clarify roles and responsibilities and ensure alignment with the Act, the LEMR and the County's organizational structure.

The revisions and updates to the County's Emergency Management Bylaw include:

- clarifying emergency management roles and responsibilities
- updating roles and responsibilities of the Emergency Advisory Committee
- expanding membership of the Emergency Management Agency
- updating language to reflect current references and terminology

Amending Bylaw 17-2018 with Bylaw 42-2023, ensures the County's emergency management framework is better aligned with provincial legislation and current County practices. Administration is seeking three readings of Bylaw 42-2023 as well as approval of the Municipal Emergency Plan as revised.

Council and Committee History

May 8, 2018 Council gave three readings to Bylaw 17-2018 the Emergency Management Bylaw.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: *Emergency Management Act* (the Act) and the *Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation* (LEMR) are the primary provincial legislation which outlines the roles and responsibilities for municipalities within Alberta in preparation and response to emergencies.

Financial/Budget: n/a

Interdepartmental: n/a

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Communication Plan

If Council approves the bylaw, a communication strategy will identify key messaging, tactics, and timelines for communication to key stakeholders utilizing existing processes and procedures.

Enclosures

- 1 Bylaw 42-2023 Emergency Management Bylaw (Amendment No 1 for Bylaw 17-2018)
- 2 Municipal Emergency Plan (revised plan, presented to the Emergency Advisory Committee (EAC) November 28, 2023)