

**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF VAUXHALL TO ESTABLISHMENT AN EMERGENCY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

BYLAW NO. 958-20

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Emergency Management Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.E-6.8, Council is responsible for the direction and control of the Town's emergency response, the preparation and approval of emergency plans and programs, and is required to appoint an Emergency Advisory Committee, maintain an Emergency Management Agency and appoint a Director of Emergency Management;

AND WHEREAS the Town has prepared a Municipal Emergency Management Plan which will be regularly reviewed, and revised and approved when necessary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF VAUXHALL, DULY ASSEMBLED,
ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

PART I

CITATION, PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

Citation

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "Emergency Management Bylaw".

Purpose

2. The purpose of this Bylaw is to provide for the direction and control of emergency operations under the *Emergency Management Act* in the Town of Vauxhall.

Definitions

3. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) "**Act**" means the *Emergency Management Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c.E-6.8;
 - (b) "**Agency**" means the Vauxhall Emergency Management Agency appointed under this Bylaw.
 - (c) "**Committee**" means the Vauxhall Emergency Advisory Committee established under this Bylaw;
 - (d) "**Council**" means the municipal Council of the Town of Vauxhall;
 - (e) "**Councilor**" means the members of Council and includes the Mayor;
 - (f) "**Director**" means the person appointed Director of the Agency under this Bylaw;
 - (g) "**Disaster**" means an event that results in serious harm to the safety, health or welfare of people or in widespread damage to property or the environment;

- (h) **“Emergency”** means an event that requires prompt co-ordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the safety, health or welfare of people or to limit damage to property or the environment;
- (i) **“Mayor”** means the chief elected official of the Town as defined in the Municipal Government Act;
- (j) **“MGA”** means the *Municipal Government Act* R.S.A., c. M-26 and the regulations thereto, as amended or replaced from time to time.
- (k) **“Minister”** means the minister charged with the administration of the *Act*;
- (l) **“Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP)”** means the Town’s emergency plan prepared to coordinate response to an Emergency or Disaster.
- (m) **“State of Local Emergency (SOLE)”** means a state of local emergency declared in accordance with the Act and this Bylaw.
- (n) **“Town”** means the municipal corporation of the Town of Vauxhall;
- (o) **“Town Manager”** means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town within the meaning of the *Municipal Government Act*, or designate;

PART II

VAUXHALL EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Establishment

- 4. There is hereby established the Vauxhall Emergency Advisory Committee.

Membership and Quorum

- 5. All Councilors are members of the Committee.
- 6. Quorum for the committee is 5 (five) members.

Functions and Duties

- 7. The Committee will:
 - (a) Advise Town Council on the development and status of plans and programs on an annual basis;
 - (b) Perform some or all of the local authority’s powers or duties as described in the *Emergency Management Act*; and
 - (c) Perform any other functions and duties as required by this bylaw.

Committee Chair

8. The Mayor is the chair of the Committee and will preside at all meetings.
 - (a) If the Mayor is unable to perform the chair's duties, the Councilor holding the position of Deputy Mayor at the time of the meeting will act as chair.
 - (b) If the Councilor holding the position of Deputy Mayor is unable to perform the chair's duties, the Councilor holding the position of Acting Mayor at the time of the meeting will act as chair.

Meetings

9. The Committee will meet at least once annually.

Special Meetings

10. The Chair of the Committee may call a special meeting of the Committee where a Councilor considers that an emergency exists, or may exist impacting the Town.
11. The Chair of the Committee or the Town Manager must give at least 1-hour notice of the special meeting to as many members of the Committee as possible in the circumstances.
12. The method of giving the notice required by section 12 will be by such means of communication considered by the Chair of the Committee to be most likely to notify the members of the Committee.
13. Those members of the Committee in attendance at a special meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Member Expenses

14. The local authority shall provide for the payment of expenses of the members of the Committee.

PART III
STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Declaration of a SOLE

15. The power to declare a SOLE in the Town is in accordance with Section 21 of the Act is hereby designated to:
 - (a) The Mayor
 - (b) When the Mayor is unable to act pursuant to subsection (a) or when the Mayor is unable to act, the first member of Council, described in the following list, who is present and able to act, shall act in the place and stead of the Mayor of the Town pursuant to subsection (a) during the absence of the Mayor or his inability to act;
 - i. The Deputy Mayor
 - ii. The Acting Mayor
 - iii. And every member thereafter of Town Council in priority according to the Deputy Mayor roster as established at the first organizational meeting after a regular election.
 - (c) The declaration of the SOLE under subsection (a) shall identify the nature of the emergency and the area of the Town in which it exists
 - (d) The Mayor or other party declaring shall forthwith forward a copy of the declaration to the Minister.
 - (e) Immediately after making the declaration, the Committee shall cause the details of the declaration to be published by such means of communication as it considers is most likely to make known to the population of the Town affected by the contents of the declaration.
 - (f) The Mayor declaring shall report to the next meeting of Council the nature of the emergency, the reasons for so declaring and the area of the Town in which exists or existed.
16. Upon declaration of a SOLE and for the duration of the SOLE, the Director, may, in accordance with Section 24 of the Act, exercise and perform all of the powers and duties given to the Town by the Act.
17. At all other times, and except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw, the Committee shall exercise and perform all of the powers and duties given to the Town by the Act.

Termination of SOLE

18. The power of Council to terminate a SOLE under the Act is hereby delegated to the Committee.
19. When the Committee is of the opinion that an emergency no longer exists in the Town, or the declaration has lapsed seven days without renewal, it will by resolution terminate the declaration of a SOLE.
20. Immediately after the passage of a resolution to terminate or a termination by lapse of time, the Agency will cause the details of the termination to be published by any means of communication that it considers is most likely to make known to the majority of the population of the Town.

PART IV

VAUXHALL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Establishment

21. There is hereby established the Vauxhall Emergency Management Agency.

Membership and Participation

22. The Agency shall consist of:
 - (a) The Town Manager or designate;
 - (b) The Director designate;
 - (c) The Emergency Preparedness Manager or designate;
 - (d) The Senior Management Team, or their designates;
23. The Director is authorized to invite the managers of Town business units or their identified designates to be members of the Agency.
24. The Director is authorized to invite representative's from external organizations to participate in meetings, emergency responses and recovery activities.

Functions and Duties

25. The Agency will:
 - (a) Act as the agent of Town Council to carry out all of the powers and duties of Council under the Act, except for the powers and duties delegated by this bylaw to the Committee;
 - (b) Provide advice to the Committee as required;
 - (c) Review all emergency management plans and programs for the Town on an annual basis;

- (d) Report to the Committee on all Agency activities and provide an update on the review of the MEMP on an annual basis;
- (e) Ensure all aspects of Town emergency management activities conform to the command, control and coordination system as prescribed by the Managing Director of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency.
- (f) Cause the MEMP and related plans and programs to be activated when required;
- (g) Perform any other functions and duties as required by this bylaw or by Town Council.

Director of Emergency Management

- 26. The Regional Fire Chief shall be the Director of Emergency Management and Chair of the Agency;
- 27. The Director is authorized to delegate and authorize further delegations of any powers, duties, and functions delegated to the Director of Emergency Management under this bylaw.
- 28. The Director shall;
 - (a) Prepare and coordinate emergency management related plans and programs for the Town;
 - (b) Act as the Director of the Emergency Coordination Center during activation;
 - (c) Submit to Town Council annually through the Committee, a report on the status of emergency management in the Town.
 - (d) Perform any other functions and duties as required by this bylaw or by Town Council.

Protection from Liability

- 29. No action lies against Council, the Committee, the Agency and any person acting under the direction or authorization of these entities for anything done or omitted to be done in good faith while carrying out a power or duty under this bylaw during a SOLE.

PART V

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 30. Bylaw 940-19 is amended and repealed.
- 31. This Bylaw comes into force on the day it is passed.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020

SIGNED THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020



MAYOR



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