

TOWN OF LANGHAM

BYLAW NO. 2002-05

A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF LANGHAM TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

Where the Saskatchewan *Emergency Planning Act* 1989, pursuant to Section 9 provides that the local authority of each municipality shall appoint a committee of members of the local authority area, to advise on the development of the committee members;

AND SHALL establish and maintain a municipal emergency measures organization;

AND SHALL appoint a coordinator of the municipal agency and prescribe his or her duties which shall include the preparation and coordination of emergency plans and programs for the municipality;

AND SHALL prepare and approve emergency plans and programs;

AND MAY enter into agreements with and make payments to organizations for the provision of services in the development or implementation of emergency plans or programs;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Langham enacts as follows:

1. In this bylaw;
 - a. "Emergency" means:
 - i) a calamity caused by accident, by an act of war or insurrection or by forces of nature; or
 - ii) a present or imminent occurrence that has resulted or may result in serious harm to the safety or welfare of people or in widespread damage to property.
2. The term "Coordinator" shall mean the person appointed by the Council of The Town of Langham to organize Emergency Measures in the Town of Langham.
3. The Emergency Measures Organization of the Town of Langham shall comprise the Emergency Measures Control Group, the Emergency Measures Planning Committee, municipal departments and voluntary organizations within the municipality.
4. There is hereby established and Emergency Measures Control Group which shall consist of the Mayor and at least one member of Council who shall be appointed annually by resolution.
5. The Emergency Measures Control Group shall be responsible for:
 - a. exercise of overall responsibility of planning and coordinating of emergency measures in the Town of Langham;
 - b. submission to Council of estimates of expenditures for the maintenance and operation for the Emergency Measures Organization;
 - c. submission to Council at least once per year of a progress report of activities;
 - d. submission to Council, for approval, of a municipal emergency plan.
6. Subject to Section 5 of this bylaw and subject to any directions of Town Council, the Emergency Measures Control Group is hereby designated and appointed to be a special committee of the Town Council pursuant to Sec. 50(1) of the Urban Municipality Act, 1984 and shall be responsible for the carrying out of any emergency measures or emergency activities or works in furtherance of the *Emergency Planning Act* or this bylaw and to that end, shall have and is hereby granted and delegated to it the duties and powers of the Town Council except the power to borrow money, to pass a bylaw or enter into any contracts. Provided, however, such delegation of the duties and powers of the Town Council is expressly limited to only the powers of Town Council necessary to carry out its rights, responsibilities, or duties under the *Emergency Planning Act*.

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7. The Coordinator shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - a. acts as Chairman of the Emergency Measures Planning Committee established under this bylaw;
 - b. stimulates and coordinates the development of an emergency plan for the community in co-operation with the departments and agencies of the municipality;
 - c. provides emergency plans from guidelines laid down by the Emergency Measures Control Group;
 - d. submits regular reports to the Emergency Measures Control Group to keep them fully informed of progress;
 - e. correlates all activities of those persons and/or organizations involved within the Town of Langham and designated for Emergency Measures Organizations.
 - f. ensures that a continuous program of training for local Emergency Measures organization personnel is carried out, either by local training classes or attendance at provincial or federal training schools;
 - g. co-operates with the Mutual Aid Area and Saskatchewan Emergency Planning on all-matters pertaining to planning and operations;
 - h. submits a projected budget to cover costs of emergency measures operations within the municipality;
 - i. acts as advisor to the Town of Langham during emergencies or disasters.
8. There shall be an Emergency Measures Planning Committee comprised of the Emergency Measures Coordinator, The Town Administrator, the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief and the Director of Public Works and Utilities (or their delegates who are hereby empowered to act on their behalf) and such other persons when required, that may be deemed necessary to formulate a municipal emergency plan.
9. The Emergency Measures Planning Committee as a whole, under the coordination of the Chairman will integrate the municipal and voluntary emergency services emergency plans into one comprehensive plan.
10. Each municipal department or voluntary organization of the municipality shall be responsible to develop and execute the emergency plan of the service he or she represents, train municipal employees and volunteers and make a comprehensive study of existing resources.
11. The Council may, from time to time, appropriate and expend monies required to meet the ordinary operating expenses of the said organization.
12. The Council may co-operate with Councils of other municipalities for the purpose of jointly establishing and operating an Emergency Measures Organization upon appropriate agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan as provided for in Section 12 of this bylaw.
13. The Town of Langham may enter into agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan or any other governmental agency as authorized by the provisions of the *Emergency Planning Act* or regulations thereunder.
14. The EMO Coordinator of the Town of Langham shall be the Chairman of the Emergency Measures Planning Committee and in the case of an emergency, where it is not possible to assemble a sufficient number of members of council to declare a local emergency and the Mayor, or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor reasonably believes a local emergency exists and the emergency requires immediate action, he may make a local emergency declaration on

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behalf on council. Upon such declaration being made, the Emergency Measures Organization shall exercise all powers conferred upon him and it by The *Emergency Planning Act* of the Province of Saskatchewan.

15. On the making of the declaration and for the duration of the local emergency, the Mayor, or in his absence, the Deputy Mayor, may do all acts and take all necessary proceedings including the following:
 - a. put into operation an emergency plan or program;
 - b. authorize or require a local authority to put into effect an emergency plan or program for the Town of Langham.
 - c. acquire or utilize any real or personal property considered necessary to prevent, combat or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster;
 - d. authorize or require any qualified person to render aid of a type he is qualified to provide;
 - e. control or prohibit travel to or from an area of the Town of Langham;
 - f. provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and coordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in any part of the Town of Langham;
 - g. cause the evacuation of persons and the removal of livestock and personal property from any area of Langham that is or may be affected by an emergency and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons or livestock and of the personal property;
 - h. authorize the entry into any building or onto any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program;
 - i. cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structures or crops if the demolition or removal is necessary or appropriate in order to reach the scene of an emergency plan or program;
 - j. authorize the recruitment of persons needed to meet an emergency.
16. In the absence of the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, a majority of the members of the Town Council are hereby authorized to declare a local emergency in the Town of Langham.
17. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.
18. Bylaw No. 1989-3 is hereby repealed.

MAYOR

ADMINISTRATOR

SEAL