

Staff Report



To	Committee of the Whole
Service Area	Public Services
Date	Tuesday, October 3, 2023
Subject	Emergency Management By-law and Program Amendments

Recommendation

1. That staff be directed to bring forward a by-law for Council’s consideration to repeal Emergency Management Response By-law (2019)-20358 and to implement a new Emergency Management Response By-law, updating the Municipality’s obligations in providing an Emergency Management program as set out in the Emergency Management By-law and Program Amendments Report dated October 3, 2023.
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Executive Summary

Purpose of Report

To recommend that the City’s Emergency Management Response By-law (2019)-20358 be replaced with a new Emergency Management Response By-law, updating the Municipality’s obligations in providing an Emergency Management program as set out in Attachments 1 to 7.

Key Findings

The Emergency Management By-law and Amendment is a provincially legislated requirement under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. This amended By-law ensures the City is better prepared and has a plan in place which aligns to the City’s Strategic Plan.

Strategic Plan Alignment

This initiative aligns with the Working Together for our Future pillar by improving the emergency preparedness of our City, the City’s resilience and ultimately the protection of critical infrastructure, continuity of government, the public, and the environment in the event disaster occurs.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

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Program Requirements

The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter E.9, and Ontario Regulation 380/04 requires every municipality in Ontario to develop

and implement an emergency management program, and formulate an emergency plan. The Emergency Management Program for the City of Guelph sets up the elements of a continuous improvement process to develop, implement, maintain and evaluate emergency management and continuity of operations programs that address prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery that meet and exceed all legislative requirements and standards.

The City of Guelph's obligations as required under provincial legislation and those authorities having jurisdiction are continued within an amending by-law, and Attachments 1 to 7.

Action Required

To direct staff to bring forward a by-law for Council's consideration to repeal Emergency Management Response By-law (2019)-20358 and to implement a new Emergency Management Response By-law, updating the Municipality's obligations in providing an Emergency Management program as set out in Attachments 1 to 7 of this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Consultations

Not Applicable

Attachments

Attachment-1 Emergency Management By-law

Attachment-2 Schedule A – Emergency Management Program

Attachment-3 Schedule B – Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Attachment-4 Schedule C Emergency Management Program Committee

Attachment-5 Schedule D – Emergency Operations Centre

Attachment-6 Schedule E – Emergency Information Officer

Attachment-7 Schedule F – Emergency Management Plan

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