

The Corporation of the City of Guelph

By-law Number (2024) – 20859

A by-law to adopt an Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan and to meet other requirements under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O, 1990 and to repeal the previous By-Law Number (2019) – 20358

Whereas under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c. E. 9 (“Act”), every municipality in the Province of Ontario is required to develop and implement an emergency management program, which shall consist of:

1. An emergency plan;
2. Training programs and exercise for employees of the municipality and other persons with respect to the provision of necessary services and the procedures to be followed in emergency response and recovery activities;
3. Public education on risks to public safety and on public preparedness for emergencies; and
4. Any other elements required by the standards for emergency management set under the Act or by Emergency Management Ontario.

And whereas it is prudent that the emergency management program developed under the Act be in accordance with international best practices, including the five core components of emergency management, prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery;

And whereas the purpose of such a program is to help protect the public safety, public health, the environment, critical infrastructure and property during an emergency and to promote economic stability and a disaster resilient community.

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Guelph (“City of Guelph”) enacts as follows:

1. The City of Guelph’s
 - a. Emergency Management Program and Emergency Management Program Committee described in Schedule “A” to this by-law;
 - b. Community Emergency Management Coordinator described in Schedule “B” to this by-law;
 - c. Municipal Emergency Control Group described in Schedule “C” to this by-law;
 - d. Emergency Operations Centre and Command Structure of the Emergency Operations Centre described in Schedule “D” to this by-law;
 - e. Emergency Information Officer described in Schedule “E” to this by-law; and
 - f. Emergency Response Plan attached as Schedule “F” to this by-law (“Plan”)

are hereby adopted.

2. The Plan is available on to the public on the City’s website: <https://guelph.ca/wp-content/uploads/EmergencyResponsePlan.pdf>. The public may also request to access the Plan during normal business hours by contacting The Corporation of the City of Guelph, City Clerk’s Office, 1 Carden Street, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 3A1.
3. Any reference to any Act of any government shall include any regulations and be construed as any reference thereto as amended or re-enacting from time to time or as a reference to any successor then in force.

4. Each and every provision is severable and if any provision of this By-law should for any reason be declared invalid by any court, it is the intention and desire of this Council that each and every of the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
5. This by-law may be referred to as the "Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan By-law".
6. By-law Number (2019) – 20358 is hereby repealed.
7. This by-law shall come into force immediately upon passing.

Passed this [day of the month] day of [month], 2023.

Schedules:

Schedule "A": Emergency Management Program and Emergency Management Program Committee

Schedule "B": Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Schedule "C": Municipal Emergency Control Group

Schedule "D": Emergency Operations Centre and Command Structure of the Emergency Operations Centre

Schedule "E": Emergency Information Officer

Schedule "F": Emergency Response Plan

Cam Guthrie, Mayor

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