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Adoption of the Emergency Response Plan
Staff Report to Council

Report Number: 2019-127

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Adoption of the Emergency Response Plan dated November 12, 2019 be received; and,

2. That the updated Emergency Response Plan be enacted **(Attachment A)**; and,

3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

To enact the 2019 revision of the Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

Background

The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) states:

"*Every municipality shall formulate an emergency plan governing the provision of necessary services during an emergency and the procedure under and the manner in which employees of the municipality and other persons will respond to the emergency and the council of the municipality shall by by-law adopt the emergency plan.*"

Discussion

The current version of the Plan was adopted by by-law 2012-01.

In collaboration with the N6 Emergency Program Manager, the plan was reviewed and updated.

The update includes stronger language regarding the appointment by Council of the members of the Municipal Emergency Control Group and Emergency Management Program Committee. The new language became necessary after the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) communicated their interpretation of the EMCPA in regards to those positions.

Conclusion

The updates to the plan support effective emergency management practices and will improve the ability of the Town of Newmarket to respond during a declared emergency, protecting public safety, public health, the environment, critical infrastructure and property.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

This report aligns with Council's Strategic Priorities in that it is promoting Newmarket's vision of being Well Beyond the Ordinary.

Consultation

The Plan was reviewed and updated in collaboration with the Region of York through Greg Stasyna and Laura James, Program Manager, Local Municipalities Emergency Management.

Human Resource Considerations

None

Budget Impact

None

Attachments

Attachment A - Revised Town of Newmarket Emergency Response Plan

Attachment B – Emergency Response Plan By-law

Approval

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