

Subject: Bylaw No. 19/004 - Emergency Management Bylaw Amendment**APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

1. THAT Bylaw No. 19/004, being a bylaw to amend the Emergency Management Bylaw No. 18/006, be read a first time.
2. THAT Bylaw No. 19/004 be read a second time.
3. THAT Bylaw No. 19/004 be considered for third reading.
4. THAT Bylaw No. 19/004 be read a third and final time.
5. THAT Councillors Sheila Lalonde and Verna Murphy be appointed to the Emergency Advisory Committee effective immediately until the 2021 Organizational Meeting.

Summary and Background:

On May 22, 2018, Council passed Emergency Management Bylaw No. 18/006, which provides a legal and legislative foundation for a robust and effective emergency management system. This bylaw established an emergency management framework that provides clear roles, responsibilities and accountability for Council and Administration, the process for declaring a state of local emergency and the exercising of extraordinary powers.

Bylaw No. 18/006 also established the Emergency Advisory Committee (the Committee), which is primarily responsible for reviewing the Emergency Management Plan and related programs and the state of emergency preparedness. The current composition of the Committee is noted in the bylaw as the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Acting Mayor; however, as the Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor terms are on a three-month rotational assignment, this rotation of Committee members may pose challenges for the Committee in meeting its mandate.

The proposed amendment to the Emergency Management Bylaw intends to alleviate any member continuity issues by changing the Committee composition to the Mayor

and two appointed members of Council. The initial appointments would be effective immediately until Council's Organizational Meeting in 2021, following which subsequent appointments would be made at Council's Organizational Meeting for two-year terms.

The power to declare a state of local emergency would remain delegated to the Mayor, or in the Mayor's absence in descending order of priority to the Deputy Mayor, the Acting Mayor, and the Chief Administrative Officer.

Rationale for Recommendations:

The bylaw amendment for the appointment of two Council members to the Emergency Advisory Committee for longer, non-rotational terms would enable Committee members to better understand the role, responsibilities and accountability of these key positions in emergency management and ensure consistency in fulfilling the Committee's mandate under the Emergency Management Bylaw.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

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