

Subject: Borderlands Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement**APPROVALS:****Jamie Doyle**_____
Director_____
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT Administration be authorized to enter into the Borderlands Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement (Agreement), Attachment 1 dated April 16, 2020; and

THAT any costs incurred when receiving mutual aid under the Agreement be funded from the Emerging Issues Reserve.

Summary:

The Borderlands Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement (Agreement) provides for a collaboration between bordering Alberta municipalities to provide information and resource sharing with each other during an emergency. This Agreement does not obligate either party to provide all, a portion or any of the mutual aid requested and all costs incurred by the assisting municipality in providing aid would be reimbursed.

Entering into the Agreement must be authorized by Council as it commits the Municipality to spend money that is not budgeted for if mutual aid is requested and received from another municipality.

Background:

Prior to COVID-19 pandemic, several Alberta Municipalities came together and developed the Borderlands Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement with the guidance of Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA). The Agreement restricts aid to equipment and employees owned and employed by the assisting municipality or equipment and staff under contract to the assisting municipality. The decision to provide aid and the level of aid provided to the requesting municipality is solely within the discretion of the assisting municipality.

Budget/Financial Implications:

As the Municipality does not budget for emergencies, any costs incurred from requesting assistance under the Borderlands Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement would need to be funded from the Emerging Issues Reserve, if other funding alternatives such as insurance or government grants are not available.

Rationale for Recommendation:

Entering into the Borderlands Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement, which provides for information and resource sharing during an emergency would be beneficial to the Municipality. The Municipality would also be able to share expertise and resources with it's neighbours when they are faced with an emergency that does not impact the Region.

Strategic Priorities:

Responsible Government

Attachments:

1. Borderlands Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement