Emergency Management – Elected Officials

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Objective

- Familiarize Elected Officials with their roles in the conduct of Emergency Management
- Familiarize Elected Officials with River Breakup planning, coordination and new branding.





Planning and Management

Alberta Emergency Management Act

- Municipality is responsible for direction and control
- Senior Government (Province) may assume responsibility

Alberta Municipal Act

- Jurisdiction to pass bylaws
- Emergencies a Municipality may take whatever actions or measures are necessary





RMWB Bylaw No. 09/036

"... to establish a Municipal Emergency Management Agency"

- Emergency Management Committee
- Emergency Management Agency
- Delegation of Authority (COO)
- State of Emergency (Power to Declare)





Administrative Procedure

Details the Emergency Management Program

Designates Responsibilities of Municipal Staff





Emergency Management Program

- Prevention & Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery





Emergency Management Priorities

- First Responder safety
- Save lives
- Reduce suffering
- Protect public health
- Protect government infrastructure
- Protect property
- Protect the environment
- Reduce economic and social losses





Response Organization

Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC):

To direct & coordinate response operations

Municipal Departments

Local non-government partners

Provincial & Federal representatives





State of Local Emergency

- Where an emergency exists or may exist and might require the use of extraordinary powers
- Obtained through the declaration of a State of Local Emergency as per the Emergency Management Act
 - In force for 7 days (may be renewed)
 - The public, the Province, involved agencies (federal) and adjacent communities must be advised





Overview

- The local authority (Council) is responsible before, during and after an emergency. Council is the Governance to the Operational activities conducted by the Municipality
- Operations are conducted through appointments and delegation; however, the responsibility remains with the local authority.





River Breakup - Preparedness

- Advanced planning and coordination
- An aggressive Communications Plan

Awareness, safety and preparedness

Vigilance and readiness





River Breakup "branding"







Questions





