

CONSOLIDATION OF A BYLAW OF THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE
PURSUANT TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT TO
PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUNICIPAL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS the Emergency Management Act, of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter E-6.8 requires the local authority of each municipality to be responsible for the direction and control of a local authority's emergency response;

AND WHEREAS it is in the public interest that an agency to deal with matters relating to emergencies be established for the City of Lethbridge;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LETHBRIDGE, DULY ASSEMBLED, PURSUANT TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. (a) There is hereby established for the City of Lethbridge, an Emergency Advisory Committee;
 - (b) The Emergency Advisory Committee shall consist of the following members:
 - (i) The Mayor or designateand the following members of the City Administration:
 - i. City Manager or designate
 - ii. Director of Emergency Management or designate
 - iii. Coordinator of Emergency Management or designate
 - iv. Chief of Police or designate
 - v. Director of Emergency Social Services or designate
 - vi. Director of Infrastructure Services or designate
 - vii. Director of Community Services or designate
 - viii. Medical Officer of Health of the South Zone, Alberta Health Services
 - (c) The Emergency Advisory Committee shall advise Council on the development of emergency plans and programs in the City of Lethbridge;
2. (a) The power to declare a state of local emergency in the City of Lethbridge, in accordance with Section 21 of the Emergency Management Act, is hereby delegated to:
 - (i) The Mayor
 - (ii) When the Mayor of the City, through illness, absence or other cause is unable to act pursuant to subsection (i) or when the

office is vacant, the first member of Council, described in the following list, who is present and able to act, shall act in place and stead of the Mayor of the City pursuant to subsection (i) during the absence of the Mayor or his inability to act;

- (a) The Deputy Mayor,
 - (b) The Acting Mayor,
 - (c) And every member thereafter of City Council in priority according to the Deputy Mayor Roster as established at the first organizational meeting after a regular election.
- (b) The declaration of the state of local emergency under sub-section (a) shall identify the nature of the emergency and the area of the City of Lethbridge in which it exists.
 - (c) The party declaring a state of local emergency for the City of Lethbridge shall forthwith forward a copy of the declaration to the Minister of the Executive Council of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta being charged with the administration of the Act.
 - (d) Immediately after the making of a declaration of a state of local emergency for the City of Lethbridge, the Emergency Advisory Committee shall cause the details of the declaration to be published by such means of communication as it considers is most likely to make known to the population of the area of the City of Lethbridge affected by the contents of the declaration.
 - (e) The party declaring the state of emergency shall report to the next meeting of Council the nature of the emergency, the reasons for so declaring, and the area of the City of Lethbridge in which it exists or existed.
 - (f) When, in the opinion of the Council, an emergency no longer exists in any area of the City of Lethbridge in relation to which a declaration of a state of local emergency was made, it shall, by resolution, terminate the declaration of a state of emergency in respect to that area.
 - (i) A declaration of a state of local emergency for the City of Lethbridge lapses seven days after its making unless it is earlier cancelled or unless it is renewed.
 - (ii) Immediately after the termination of a declaration of emergency the City of Lethbridge shall cause the fact of termination to be published.
3. Upon the making of a declaration of a state of local emergency in the City of Lethbridge and for its duration, Council of the City of Lethbridge may do all acts and take all necessary proceedings including the following:

- (i) Cause any emergency plan or program to be put into operation.
 - (ii) Exercise any power given to the Minister under Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act in relation to the part of the City of Lethbridge affected by the declaration.
 - (iii) Authorize any persons at any time to exercise, in the operation of an emergency plan or program, any power given to the Minister under Section 19 in relation to any part of the municipality affected by a declaration of a state of local emergency.
4. (a) There is hereby established the City of Lethbridge Emergency Management Agency, the membership shall be comprised of the following members of the City of Lethbridge Administration and South Zone, Alberta Health Services:
- (i) City Manager or designate
 - (ii) Director of Emergency Management or designate
 - (iii) Coordinator of Emergency Management or designate
 - (iv) Chief of Police or designate
 - (v) Director of Emergency Social Services or designate
 - (vi) Director of Infrastructure Services or designate
 - (vii) Director of Community Services or designate
 - viii) Medical Officer of Health of the South Zone, Alberta Health Services
- (b) The Fire Chief shall be the Director of the Emergency Management Agency.
- (c) The City of Lethbridge Emergency Management Agency may call upon any public or private organization or member thereof, within the City of Lethbridge to serve as additional members of the Emergency Management Agency.
- (d) The Director of the City of Lethbridge Emergency Management Agency shall be responsible for the preparation and coordination of emergency plans and programs, coordination of public and private organizations, the liaison with Provincial and Federal Officials and other Municipalities acting pursuant to the Emergency Management Act; and for the submission of an Annual Report on the status of emergency preparedness in the City of Lethbridge.
5. The Council may, from time to time, borrow, levy, appropriate and expend monies required to meet the ordinary operating expenses of the municipal Emergency Management Agency.

6. Bylaw No. 4471 the Disaster Services Bylaw is hereby repealed.
7. This Bylaw shall come into force on the date of final passing thereof.