

Report to Community and Protection Services Committee

To: Chair and Members
Community and Protective Services Committee
From: Jacqueline Davison Deputy City Manager, Enterprise
Supports
Subject: 2021 Annual Emergency Management Program Update
Date: November 2, 2021

Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Deputy City Manager, the following actions BE TAKEN:

- (a) The attached by-law (Appendix "A") **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on November 16th, 2021 to adopt the Emergency Management Program including the London Emergency Response Plan as set out in Schedule "A" of the by-law and repeal Bylaw A.-7657(c) -2;
- (b) The balance of this report, including an update of the Emergency Management Program BE RECEIVED for information.

Analysis

1.0 Background Information

1.1 Previous Reports Related to this Matter

- December 19, 2016 "Emergency Management Program Update"
- December 12, 2017 "Emergency Management Program Update"
- December 10, 2018 "Emergency Management Program Update"
- December 3, 2019 "Emergency Management Program Update"
- December 1, 2020 "Emergency Management Program Update"

2.0 Discussion and Consideration

The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act requires municipalities to have an Emergency Management Program and provisions to prevent and manage an emergency within our community. This report is submitted to seek Council approval to repeal the existing London Emergency Response Plan Bylaw A.-7657(c)-2 and replace it with a new bylaw as required under the Act. A status update on the Emergency Management Program is also provided. The bylaw includes adopting the Municipal Emergency Response Plan and the associated program components. The plan and components are the foundation for our program and provide the authority to implement the Emergency Management Program.

PROGRAM UPDATE

LONDON EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The London Emergency Response Plan is required pursuant to legislation. The plan outlines the roles and responsibilities of community partners in the management of a major emergency. The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act requires that the plan be reviewed, updated and approved by by-law annually.

For 2021, amendments to the London Emergency Response Plan include the following:

- Changes in titles to reflect current organizational structure; and,
- References to terminology related to the Incident Management System.

Appendix "A"

Bill No.
2021

By-law No. A.-

A by-law to amend By-law No. A.-7657-4, as amended, being "A by-law to repeal By-law No. A.-7495-21 and to adopt an Emergency Management Program and Plan" in order to repeal and replace Schedule "A" to the by-law.

WHEREAS Section 3.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O 1990, c. E.9 (the EMCPA) provides that every municipality shall formulate an emergency plan governing the provision of necessary services during an emergency and the procedures 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;

AND WHEREAS the EMCPA requires the municipality and council to implement an emergency management program to protect the public safety, public health, the environment, the critical infrastructure and property and to promote economic stability and a disaster-resilient community;

AND WHEREAS the EMCPA makes provision for the Head of Council to declare that an emergency exists in the community or in any part thereof and also provides the Head of Council with the authority to take such action or deliver such orders as he/she considers necessary and are not contrary to law to implement the emergency plan of the community and to protect property and the health and welfare of the inhabitants of an emergency area;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. Schedule "A", being the City of London Emergency Response Plan, to by-law No. A.-7657-4 is hereby repealed and replaced with the attached new Schedule "A".
2. By-law No. A.-7657(c)-2 is hereby repealed.
3. This by-law comes into force and effect on November 16, 2021

PASSED in Open Council on November 16, 2021

Ed Holder
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – , 2021
Second Reading – , 2021
Third Reading – , 2021