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As per Emergency Management Bylaw 25M2002, the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) is required to provide an annual report to Council through the Emergency Management Committee on the status of emergency preparedness in The City. Historically, CEMA provides two reports through the year which are received by the Emergency Management Committee for the Corporate record and to inform the annual report.

Strategic Policy and Priority Alignment

Below is a list of various policies that direct and inform our Critical Infrastructure mitigation and resilience activities.

Council's Citizen Priorities

CEMA's work on Disaster Risk Management supports Council's Citizen Priority to provide *A city of safe and inspiring neighbourhoods*.

Corporate Priority

This work supports the Corporation's Sustainability Direction 2020 objective *Calgary, its communities and neighbourhoods are safe, resilient and supportive*.

Municipal Development Plan

This work supports Objective 2.1.4 – Ensuring Sustainable Municipal Finances.

Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP)

The Transportation plan provides the overall vision for how the City of Calgary will plan and seek to develop the mechanisms for effective transportation throughout the city for citizens, businesses and visitors. There are components in the CTP that speak to evacuation should it be required due to a large event or natural disaster.

CSPS033

This policy is owned by Calgary Fire Department, although CEMA is listed as one of the agencies that are intended to be supported by this document. It calls for Emergency Services to be included in Planning decisions and processes to encourage a consistent approach to resilience across the city.

Land Use Bylaw (LUB)

Components of this bylaw written for hazard mitigation with regards to flooding that would support flood mitigation practices in certain contexts.

Climate Resilience Strategy

There are many objectives that speak to the social component of disaster risk reduction, as outlined in the United Nations' Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. These objectives support more resilient

urban planning and construction methods, as these practices are tools that bolster societal resilience and thriving communities.

Social Well-Being Policy

The principles of this policy support the social aspect of disaster risk reduction and building back better specifically speaks to the principles of “striving to provide Equitable Services” and also “using a Prevention approach”.

Gender Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy

This supports the social component of disaster risk reduction, as marginalized populations are consistently the most vulnerable to disasters and most and severely impacted.

Climate Resilience Strategy

This work aligns with one of the key themes identified, to strengthen the built environment to weather the storms of future shocks and stresses caused by the increasing frequency and severity of severe weather events and climate change impacts.

Disaster Risk Report (2018)

This resource was developed by CEMA, its agency members, and key subject matter experts to assess the hazards and their corresponding risk levels that are applicable to Calgary. The impacts of probable hazards are outlined, as well as important variables that would exacerbate impacts, and tools we can use to mitigate those impacts. This helps to inform and prioritize CEMA’s planning, mitigation and public awareness strategies.