



# REVISION OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BYLAW (25M2002) TO THE EM COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

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## BACKGROUND

- Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) evolved out of the Disaster Services Division within the Calgary Fire Department.
- Today, the agency has progressed into a centre of excellence, with a new state of the art Emergency Operations Centre and staff expertise in emergency management and business continuity:
  - leadership, support, and coordination in the areas of prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery from an emergency or disaster.
- Recognizing CEMA's important and expanding role, effective 2015 January 01, CEMA will move to its own City of Calgary business unit, with a dedicated Director within Community Services & Protective Services.



## DRIVERS FOR CHANGE

- Represents the natural evolution resulting from CEMA's leadership in emergency management and business continuity.
- Reflects and confirms the importance of emergency management, business continuity and associated activities within The City's structure and processes.
- Recognizes the unique partnerships and relationships CEMA has within The City and with external organizations that contribute and support emergency management and business continuity within the municipality.
- Responds to the evolving and increasing focus cities, globally, are placing on emergency management and business continuity.
- Provides a foundation for conducting activities and collaborating on initiatives integral to emergency management and business continuity.



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BYLAW 25M2002 AMENDMENT

- Sections 5(2) and 5(3) updated the City Administration and external membership of the Emergency Management Agency.
- Section 6(1) deletes the reference to the City's Fire Chief as the Director of the Agency, and
- Provides for the Director of CEMA to be appointed by the General Manager, Community Services and Protective Services Department.
- *\*Note that the Fire Chief will remain the Director until 2014 December 31*

## CEMA Transition

- Transition activities are underway to complete the organizational change that includes:
  - Identifying and analyzing assets, services and processes throughout the remainder of 2014.
  - Identifying consequential amendments to the EM Bylaw as a result of the transition process.
  - CEMA leadership and staff expected to undertake a process towards renewed vision and strategy, with an implementation plan.
  - Outcomes and recommendations of the Community Services & Protective Services Department Review will be relevant to CEMA.



## CEMA Transition (continued)

- New budget programs will be created to accommodate CEMA's capital and operating budgets.
  - A \$300,000 transitional budget amount is being proposed by Administration in Action Plan 2015-2018 for Council approval in 2014 November.
  - The 2015 September Operating and Capital Budget Revisions Report, which covers the 2015 January 01 to June 30 period, is planned to include any revisions required as a result of the CEMA structural change and transfer.

## CEMA Transition (continued)

- *2013 Flood Internal and External Debrief Reports (EM2014-0414)* follow up report will have CEMA present a work plan and implementation actions in 2015 April.
  - The CEMA structural change will provide a new platform from which the work plan and implementation actions can be developed.
  - Recommendations regarding the role of the Emergency Management Committee, along with findings from the independent review of the Recovery Operations Centre will be shared.



## ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

- That the Emergency Management Committee recommends that Council:
  - Give three readings to the proposed amending bylaw (Attachment).
  - Direct Administration to include in the 2015 September Mid-year Operating and Capital Budget Revisions Report any revisions arising from the 2015 January 01 CEMA structural change.
  - Direct Administration to return to Council no later than 2015 April with consequential changes to the Emergency Management Bylaw 25M2002 that may arise as a result of the transitional work associated with the 2015 January 01 CEMA structural change.





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**Thank you**

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