

**Community Services Briefing to  
Emergency Management Committee  
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## **2024 Status of Emergency Preparedness in Calgary**

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### **PURPOSE OF BRIEFING**

This briefing is provided in accordance with the required reporting requirement set out in Section 2(d) of the Emergency Management Bylaw (25M2002). The *2024 Status of Emergency Preparedness in Calgary* report highlights the increasing complexity and frequency of disasters faced by The City. It emphasizes the collaborative efforts of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) and its member agencies in responding to various emergencies throughout the year.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

The *2024 Status of Emergency Preparedness in Calgary* report (Attachment 2) summarizes Calgary's highest risks and The City's emergency management accomplishments for the year. Highlights include:

- The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) was active for an unprecedented 76 days, supporting the response to the Bearspaw South Feeder Main break and Jasper Wildfire evacuations.
- CEMA collaborated with agency members in emergency management, providing essential resources and support to affected communities, and showcasing strong partnerships within Calgary.
- The Bearspaw South Feeder Main break response involved over 50 agency members and highlighted the importance of communication and coordination during complex emergencies.
- During the Jasper Wildfire response, CEMA supported 1,800 evacuees over 43 days. This demonstrated the effectiveness of Emergency Social Services (ESS) and the collaboration of community partners.
- Canada Task Force 2 (CANTF2) was deployed in multiple waves to support the Jasper Wildfire response. This included the request for incident management teams from Alberta Emergency Management (AMEA) and Parks Canada, as well as, aiding the City of Calgary with the Jasper Wildfire Evacuee response.
- In 2024, the focus on preparedness initiatives continued - CEMA implemented training programs, offering 61 core training courses for staff and emergency preparedness videos in multiple languages, to enhance community preparedness.
- Looking ahead to 2025, CEMA plans to update the Municipal Emergency Plan and enhance interjurisdictional responses to better prepare for future emergencies and improve resilience.

This briefing also includes the annual review of the *Disaster Risk Assessment* (Attachment 3) incorporating input from Agency subject matter experts to account for changes that may alter the assessment of risk year-over-year and to identify new emerging risks. The Disaster Risk Assessment assesses 66 individual hazards and threats that pose a risk to Calgary.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Background and Previous Council Direction
2. 2024 Status of Emergency Preparedness in Calgary
3. Disaster Risk Assessment Summary 2025

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General Manager Katie Black concurs with the information in this Briefing.