

## **2013 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CALGARY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The 2013 Annual Report of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) demonstrates its delivery of key emergency management objectives including risk assessment, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

### **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Emergency Management Committee recommends that Council receive this report for information.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY**

The annual report is submitted in accordance with the City of Calgary Emergency Management Bylaw 25M2002, Section 6 (2) which states "The Director shall, with the advice and assistance of the Agency, submit to Council annually, a report on the status of emergency preparedness in the City. Based on the information provided, The Emergency Management Committee is to advise Council on the development of emergency plans and programs, as required by Section 11 of the *Emergency Management Act* of Alberta (RSA 2000 c E-6.8).

Council has received annual reports from the Calgary Emergency Management Agency since 2010. The most recent report, EM2013-0355, was received in 2013 April.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) is designated as the civic body responsible for the coordination of disaster planning, response and recovery within The City of Calgary. The City has designated the Fire Chief as the Director of its emergency management body, and has met legislated policy requirements under the provincial legislation.

### **INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS**

CEMA, including its staff and membership, contribute to the delivery of key objectives within five strategic areas:

- Reduce risk and mitigate hazard and vulnerability in Calgary;
- Build community capacity and resilience;
- Build operational readiness;
- Plan for business continuity and recovery; and
- Strengthen the Agency.

These strategic result areas support the comprehensive emergency management model, a continuum that includes non-response activities (risk assessment, prevention, mitigation and preparedness) as well as response, recovery and rehabilitation.

In 2013, the primary focus of CEMA was response to, and recovery from, the 2013 June Floods, which included support to High River in their emergency management efforts. In addition, CEMA supported one other Municipal Emergency Plan activation and over 100 smaller events; developed and trained staff and Agency members on the suite of emergency management systems; conducted ongoing risk and hazard monitoring and mitigation; supported community education and preparedness activities; and sought out and shared best practices in emergency

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management at all levels of government. More information on each of these areas can be found in the 2013 Annual Report of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (Attachment).

### **Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication**

Engagement with Agency members and partners occurs throughout the year. In early 2013, Agency members and partners were trained on the functionality of the new Emergency Operations Centre.

All public CEMA documents, including the previous annual reports are available at [Calgary.ca/CEMA](http://Calgary.ca/CEMA). The 2013 Annual Report will also be available online once received by Council.

### **Strategic Alignment**

This Annual Report aligns with Council's Fiscal Plan for Calgary 2012-2014: *"Ensuring every Calgarian lives in a safe community and has the opportunity to succeed"*. In addition, the achievements are complementary to the goals and objectives of imagineCALGARY, and supports The City's Sustainability Direction 2020 objective: "Calgary, its communities and neighbourhoods are safe, resilient and supportive" as well as the outcomes outlined in the 2012-2014 CS&PS Departmental Business Plan.

### **Social, Environmental, Economic (External)**

#### **Social**

Communities are well served when emergency event responses are effectively coordinated. Public awareness and education in many forms, coupled with multi-agency coordinated responses, will support citizens and guests as Calgary's population grows and demographics continue to become more complex.

#### **Environmental**

Protecting lives, property and the environment is of the highest importance to The City. Environmental impacts can be disastrous to a community and CEMA is committed to preparedness through hazard risk identification, analysis and mitigation. The Emergency Operations Centre was built to a LEED® Gold standard.

#### **Economic**

Managing emergency events and disasters is fundamental to municipal, provincial and national economic stability and resiliency. The City has demonstrated the ability to quickly respond to and recover from such events, and preparedness efforts will continue to minimize response and recovery costs in future.

### **Financial Capacity**

#### **Current and Future Operating Budget**

This report has no operating budget impacts. CEMA operational funds are contained within the overall budget of the Calgary Fire Department.

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### **Current and Future Capital Budget**

This report has no capital budget impacts. CEMA capital funds are contained within the overall budget of the Calgary Fire Department.

### **Risk Assessment**

The 2013 Annual Report of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency identifies emergency management objectives, specific deliverables and deliverable status in 2013.

### **REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):**

This report illustrates the efforts undertaken by CEMA members and staff to support safe, liveable communities, and fulfills the reporting requirement as outlined in Bylaw 25M2002.

### **ATTACHMENT**

2013 Annual Report of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency