

MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POLICY

Subject: Disaster Services

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It is the vision of the Council of the County of Northern Lights to strive for innovative decision-making, proactive planning, and regional cooperation in order to promote our citizens' lifestyles, freedoms and opportunities. This will be achieved by providing enhanced qualities of life, effective and efficient services, and healthy/sustainable communities.

The Mission of the County of Northern Lights is to:

- A. Provide good government;
- B. Provide services, facilities, and other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or a part of the County; and
- C. Develop and maintain safe and viable communities.

The County of Northern Lights proposes to do this by 'being prepared for', 'able to respond to', and to 'recover from' disasters.

Signed: 
Chief Elected Official

Signed: 
Chief Administrative Officer

Procedure:

1. Under the leadership and guidance of the Council, the County of Northern Lights will establish and maintain a joint Municipal Emergency Management Agency, with the Town of Manning, that defines goals and objectives of the emergency management program, and create and maintain plans and procedures based on hazard-analysis to achieve the mission statement objectives in coordination and cooperation with neighbors, industry and agencies that are active in the municipality.
2. Council shall adopt and amend, as required, a bylaw establishing a Joint Municipal Emergency Management Agency; and annually appoint members to serve on this committee.
3. Council adopting the Joint Municipal Emergency Procedures Plan for the County.
4. The County's Municipal Emergency Procedures Plan will be implemented, in whole or in part when
 - a. an emergency, either imminent or in progress, affects the municipality, or
 - b. Direction is received from provincial authority responsible for disaster services.
5. From time to time conduct exercises to practice and determine the effectiveness of the plan and have other agencies involved.
6. Participate in Mutual Aid Agreements with neighboring municipalities for the pooling of equipment, expertise and manpower.