

**FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT  
BYLAW NO. 1526, 2019**

**A bylaw to regulate the Emergency Management Program**

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**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors of the Fraser Valley Regional District ("the Board") has, by *Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Management Program Extended Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 0136, 1997* established emergency program services for all Electoral Areas:

**AND WHEREAS** the Board wishes to provide a comprehensive management program to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters;

**THEREFORE** the Board enacts as follows:

**1) CITATION**

This bylaw shall be cited as *Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019*.

**2) DEFINITIONS**

In this bylaw:

**"Act"** means the Emergency Program Act and associated Regulations. Unless otherwise specifically stated, the words used in this bylaw shall have the same meaning as words have in the Act;

**"Board"** means the Fraser Valley Regional District Board of Directors;

**"Chair"** means that person elected by the Board as Chair, or in the absence of the Chair, the person elected as Vice-Chair;

**"Emergency Coordinator"** means that person appointed by the Board, under Section 6.1, as head of the emergency management program.

**"Emergency Program"** means the emergency management organization responsible for the development and implementation of emergency plans and other preparedness, response and recovery measures for emergencies and disasters within the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) Electoral Areas;

**"Emergency Operations Centre Director"** means that person responsible for the overall management of the Emergency Operations Centre as described in the FVRD Emergency Plan.

**"Emergency Plan"** means the overall FVRD plan which provides a comprehensive emergency management framework to develop, coordinate and manage emergency planning, preparedness, response and recovery within FVRD Electoral Areas.

### **3. EMERGENCY PROGRAM**

- 3.1 In accordance with the provisions of the Act, an Emergency Program is hereby established and charged with the development and implementation of emergency plans and other preparedness, response and recovery measures for emergencies and disasters. The Emergency Program will be implemented, structured and maintained according to the FVRD Emergency Plan.

### **4. THE BOARD**

- 4.1 The Board is responsible for:
- a) the declaration of a state of local emergency under the Act;
  - b) delegating powers available under the Act, as required, and to monitor the use of such powers;
  - c) approving any emergency policies necessary to facilitate the response to an emergency or disaster;
  - d) ensuring that sufficient budget, staff and resources are provided to maintain an essential level of emergency program preparedness.
- 4.2 Despite Section 4.1, the Chair may carry out the responsibilities specified in Sections 4.1 a) and b) where, because of circumstances of an emergency or disaster, it is not possible to assemble a quorum of the Board, and provided the Chair has made every effort to obtain the consent of the other members of the Board. The Chair must, as soon as practicable after making such declaration, convene a meeting of the Board to assist in directing the response to the emergency.

### **5. ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE ("EASC")**

- 5.1 The Electoral Area Services Committee must:
- a) provide strategic direction and oversight to the Emergency Program;
  - b) finalize the annual strategic plan and budgets for presentation to the Board;
  - c) approve emergency plans developed by the Emergency Program.

### **6. EMERGENCY PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

- 6.1 The Manager of Electoral Area Emergency Services is hereby appointed as the Emergency Coordinator and as head of the Emergency Program.
- 6.2 The Coordinator is responsible for:
- a) preparing and developing emergency plans respecting preparation for, response to and recovery from emergencies and disasters;
  - b) providing leadership to and administration of the Emergency Program;
  - c) coordinating and/or supervising any sub-committees or work groups;
  - d) developing a strategic plan, action plans and budgets;

- e) maintaining all emergency plans and documentation;
- f) maintaining and coordinating a training and exercise program;
- g) coordinating with other governments, non-government agencies, First Nations and the private sector;
- h) establishing and maintaining an Emergency Operations Centre ("EOC");
- i) establishing, coordinating and supporting volunteer programs;
- j) on-going assessment of hazards, risks and vulnerability;
- k) day to day management of the Emergency Program;

## **7. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE DIRECTOR ("EOC DIRECTOR")**

7.1 After a declaration of a state of emergency has been made, the EOC Director may do all acts and implement all procedures the EOC Director considers necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or a disaster, including any or all of the following:

- a) acquiring or using any land or personal property considered necessary;
- b) authorizing or requiring any person to render assistance of a type that the person is qualified to provide or that otherwise is or may be required;
- c) controlling or prohibiting travel to or from any area;
- d) providing for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and coordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services;
- e) causing the evacuation of persons and the removal of livestock, animals and personal property from any area that is or may be affected by an emergency or disaster and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons, livestock, animals and personal property;
- f) authorizing the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program or if otherwise considered necessary;
- g) causing the demolition or removal of any tress, structures or crops if considered necessary or appropriate;
- h) constructing works considered to be necessary or appropriate;
- i) procure, fix prices for or ration food, clothing, fuel, equipment, medical supplies or other essential supplies and the use of any property, services, resources or equipment for the duration of the state of emergency;
- j) authorize, in writing, any persons involved in the operation of the Emergency Plan or Emergency Program to exercise any power available in this section;
- k) immediately after the termination of a declaration of state of local emergency, causing the details of the termination to be published by a means of communication that the Coordinator considers most likely to make the contents of the termination known to the majority of the population of the affected area.

## 8. SEVERABILITY

If a portion of this bylaw is found invalid by a court, it will be severed and the remainder of the bylaw will remain in effect.

**9. REPEAL**

*Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Measures Regulatory Bylaw No. 0127, 1997 and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed.*

## 10. READINGS AND ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

READ A SECOND TIME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

READ A THIRD TIME THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Chair/Vice-Chair

Corporate Officer/Deputy

## 11. CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of *Fraser Valley Regional District Emergency Program Regulations Establishment Bylaw No. 1526, 2019* as adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fraser Valley Regional District on the

Dated at Chilliwack, BC this

Corporate Officer/Deputy