

The Corporation of the Township of Douro-Dummer

By-law Number 2015-83

Being a By-law to provide for the Formation of an Emergency Management Program for the Township of Douro-Dummer and to Repeal By-law 2004-30

Whereas, the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act - O. Reg. 380/04 as amended (the "Act"), requires the development and implementation of an Emergency Management Program by the Township of Douro-Dummer:

And Whereas, the Act requires the emergency management program to conform to standards promulgated by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with international best practices, including the four core components of emergency management, namely: mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response and recovery; and also makes provisions for the municipality and council to develop and implement an emergency management program to protect public safety, public health, the environment, the critical infrastructure and property, and to promote economic stability and a disaster resilient community;

And Whereas, the Act makes provisions for the Head of Council to declare when an emergency exists in the community or in any part thereof, and also provides the Head of Council with authority to take such action or make such orders as he/she considers necessary and not contrary to law, to implement the emergency response plan and respond to an emergency;

And Whereas, the Act provides for the designation of one or more members of council who may exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Head of Council during his/her inability to act;

And Whereas, the Act authorizes employees of a community to respond to an emergency in accordance with the emergency response plan where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist.

Now Therefore, The Corporation of the Township of Douro-Dummer by Council Thereof hereby enacts as follows:

1. The Township shall develop and implement an Emergency Management Program (the "Program"), in accordance with the standards published by Emergency Management Ontario, which standards are in accordance with international best practices. As part of the Program, the *Municipal Emergency Response Plan* attached hereto as Schedule "A" of this By-law (the "**Plan**") is hereby adopted.
2. The Mayor, or designated alternate as provided in the Plan, is empowered to declare an emergency and implement the Plan.

3. The appointed officials, or designated alternates as provided in the Plan, are empowered to cause an emergency notification to be issued to members of the Municipal Control Group (MCG), and to respond to an emergency in accordance with the emergency response plan where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist.
4. The Program shall be reviewed at least annually by the Community Emergency Management Program Committee, which will recommend changes to the program as considered appropriate and refer recommendations to the Council and/or CAO or designate for further review and approval.
5. Minor changes or alterations to the plan, and/or appendices may be undertaken with the approval of the CAO or designate.
6. By-law number 2004-30 of the Township of Douro-Dummer is hereby repealed.

That this By-law shall come into force and effect immediately upon passing.

Passed in Open Council this 17th day of November, 2015.

Mayor, J. Murray Jones

Deputy Clerk, Martina Chait-Hartwig