



**A BYLAW OF THE TOWN OF LAMONT  
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
BYLAW 09-15**

**MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BYLAW**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Town of Lamont is responsible for the direction and council of its emergency response and is required, under the Emergency Management Act, Chapter E-6.8, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, to appoint an Emergency Advisory Committee and to establish and maintain a Municipal Emergency Management Agency; and

**WHEREAS** it is desirable in the public interest, and in the interests of public safety, that such a committee be appointed and such an agency be established and maintained to carry our Council's statutory powers and obligations under the said Emergency Management Act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN of  
L A M O N T , D U L Y A S S E M B L E D , E N A C T S A S F O L L O W S :**

1. This By-law may be cited as the Municipal Emergency Management By-law.
2. In this By-law,
  - (a) "Act" means the Emergency Management Act, Chapter E-8, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000;
  - (b) "Council" means the Council of the Town of Lamont;
  - (c) "Disaster" means an event that has resulted or may result in serious harm to the safety, health or welfare of people; or in widespread damage to property;
  - (d) "Emergency" means a present or imminent event that requires prompt co-ordination, action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;
  - (e) "Minister" means the Minister charged with administration of the Act;
  - (f) "Municipal Emergency Management Agency" means the agency established under this By-law; and
  - (g) "Municipal Emergency Plan" means the emergency plan prepared by the Director of Emergency Management to co-ordinate response to an emergency or disaster.



3. There is hereby established an Emergency Advisory Committee to advise Council on the development of emergency plans and programs.
4. There is hereby established a Municipal Emergency Management Agency to act as the agent of Council to carry out its statutory powers and obligations under the Act. This does not include the power to declare, renew, or terminate a state of local emergency, nor the powers contained in Section 12 of this By-Law.
5. Council Shall
  - (a) by resolution, appoint (3) three members of Council to serve on the Emergency Advisory Committee;
  - (b) the Mayor will be one of the members representing council on the Emergency Advisory Committee.
  - (c) by resolution, on the recommendation of the Emergency Advisory Committee, appoint a Director of Emergency Management and Deputy Director(s).
  - (d) ensure that emergency plans and programs are prepared to address potential emergencies or disasters in the Town of Lamont;
  - (e) approve the Town of Lamont emergency plans and programs; and
  - (f) review the status of the Municipal Emergency Management Program and related plans and programs at least once each year.
6. Council may
  - (a) by By-law borrow, levy, appropriate and expend, without the consent of the electors, all sums required for the operation of the Municipal Emergency Management Agency; and
  - (b) enter into agreements with and make payments or grants, or both, to persons or organizations for the provision of services in the development or implementation of emergency plans or programs, including mutual aid agreements and/or regional plans and programs.
7. The Emergency Advisory Committee shall
  - (a) review the Municipal Emergency Management Program and related plans on a regular basis; and
  - (b) advise Council, duly assembled, on the status` the Municipal Emergency Management Program and related plans at-least once each year.
8. The Municipal Emergency Management Agency shall be comprised of one or more of the following core members:
  - (a) the Director of Emergency Management,
  - (b) the Deputy Director of Emergency Management
  - (c) Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; other Administrative staff member(s);
  - (d) the R.C.M.P. St/Sg or designate;



- (e) the Fire Chief or designate;
  - (f) the Public Works Foreman or designate;
  - (g) Alberta Health Services representative;
  - (h) anybody else who might serve a useful purpose in the preparation or implementation of the Municipal Emergency Plan.
9. The Director of the Emergency Management Agency shall
- (a) prepare and co-ordinate the Municipal Emergency Management Program and related plans for the Town of Lamont,
  - (b) act as director of emergency operations, or ensure that someone is designated under the Municipal Emergency Plan to so act, on behalf of the Municipal Emergency Management Agency; and
  - (c) authorize and co-ordinate all emergency services and other resources required during an emergency; or
  - (d) delegate duties and tasks as necessary to ensure conformance with paragraphs (a), (b), and (c).
10. The power to declare or renew a state of local emergency, the powers specified in Section 12 of the By-law, and the requirement specified in Section 14 of this By-law, are hereby delegated to a committee of one, the Mayor or in his/her absence, the Deputy Mayor or to a committee comprised of any two members of council. This committee may, at any time when it is satisfied that an emergency exists or may exist, by resolution, make a declaration of a state of local emergency
11. When a state of local emergency is declared, the person(s) make the declaration shall
- (a) ensure that the declaration identified the nature of the emergency and the area of the Town of Lamont in which it exists;
  - (b) cause the details of the declaration to be published immediately by such means of communication considered most likely to notify the population of the area affected; and
  - (c) forward a copy of the declaration to the Minister forthwith.
12. Subject to Section 14, when a state of local emergency is declared, the local authority making the declaration may do all acts and take all necessary proceedings including the following;
- (a) acquire or utilize any real or personal property considered necessary to prevent, combat or alleviate the effects of any emergency or disaster;
  - (b) authorize or require any qualified person to render aid of a type he or she is qualified to provide;
  - (c) control or prohibit travel to or from any area of the Town of Lamont;
  - (d) provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and co-ordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in any part of the Town of



- Lamont.
- (e) cause the evacuation of persons and the removal of livestock and personal property from any area of the Town of Lamont that is or may be affected by a disaster and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons or livestock and of the personal property;
  - (f) authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program;
  - (g) cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structures or crops if the demolition or removal is necessary or appropriate in order to reach the scene of a disaster, or to attempt to forestall its occurrence or to combat its progress;
  - (h) procure or fix prices for food, clothing, fuel, equipment, medical supplies, or other essential supplies and the use of any property, services, resources or equipment with the Town of Lamont for the duration of the state of emergency;
  - (i) authorize the conscription of persons needed to meet an emergency; and
  - (j) any power specified in Section 12
13. When a state of local emergency is declared,
- (a) neither Council nor any member of Council, and
  - (b) no person appointed by Council to carry out measures relating to Emergencies or disasters,
- are liable for anything done or omitted to be done in good faith while carrying out a power or duty under this By-law, nor are they subject to any proceedings by prohibition, certiorari, mandamus or injunction.
14. When, in the opinion of the local authority declaring the state of local emergency, an emergency no longer exists in relation to which the declaration was made, the local authority shall, by resolution, terminate the declaration.
15. A declaration of a state of local emergency is considered terminated and ceases to be of any force or effect when
- (a) a resolution is passed under Section 14;
  - (b) a period of seven days has lapsed since it was declared, unless it is renewed by resolution;
  - (c) the Lieutenant Governor in Council makes an order for a state of emergency under the Act, relating to the same area; or
  - (d) the minister cancels the state of local emergency.
16. When a declaration of a state of local emergency has been terminated, the local authority who made the declaration shall cause the details of the termination to be published immediately by such means of communication considered most likely to notify the population of the area affected.
17. By-law No. 04-14 is hereby repealed.



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**Town of Lamont**

This By-law comes into force on the day it is finally passed.

READ A **FIRST** TIME THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer

READ A **SECOND** TIME THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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Mayor,

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Chief Administrative Officer

PROCEED WITH THIRD READING WITH THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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Mayor,

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Chief Administrative Officer

READ A **THIRD** AND FINAL TIME THIS 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

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Chief Administrative Officer