

DATE: January 20, 2020

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Adam Davey, Director, Community Services and Public Safety

SUBJECT: Emergency Programs Update

ATTACHMENT(S): Garbage Collection Areas and Evacuation Zones Map (2020)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report dated January 20, 2020 from the Director of Community Services and Public Safety, titled "Emergency Programs Update."

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to outline significant milestones achieved by the City of Prince George's Emergency Program in the 2019 calendar year and to summarize upcoming initiatives for the 2020 calendar year.

BACKGROUND:

In the City of Prince George's 2019 Strategic Work Plan, priority was placed on several initiatives which fall within the City's Emergency Program, including enhancing community preparedness and building staff capacity to respond to threats.

A number of substantial projects and initiatives have been completed in recent months to better plan and prepare the City for potential emergency events that are of note, including:

- Completion of the City's Emergency Evacuation Plan, following the implementation of lessons learned from the 2019 wildfire evacuation tabletop exercise series;
- Revised City Garbage Collection Map to include information about Evacuation Zones and Evacuation Assembly locations;
- Development of an inter-agency emergency communications plan;
- Finalization of the City of Prince George and the Canadian Red Cross Service Agreement, which provides Level 1 and 2 Emergency Support Services (ESS) within the municipal boundaries (operational as of October 1, 2019);
- City of Prince George participation in Regional and Provincial initiatives including the pilot project for ESS Modernization, presentation at the Emergency Planning and Business Continuity Conference, and hosting and participation in the 2019 Northern Emergency Support Services Training Conference (NESST), held at the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre.

Emergency Programs staff are working towards the following deliverables for 2020:

- Application for two separate Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grants to support the EOC and Training, and ESS initiatives (Reported to Council in November and December, 2019);
- Development of a tabletop exercise in collaboration with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George planned for Spring of 2020 to test Hazardous Materials response and the Communications Plan;
- Participation at Regional and Provincial levels on:
 - the 2020 NESST conference planning (to be held in Prince George in April);
 - board participation on the BC Association of Emergency Managers;
 - City of Prince George will have a continued leadership role on the expert advisory group for the Provincial ESS Modernization project, with anticipated deployment of the new provincial tool in the spring of 2020; and
- Proactive preparation to ensure the City achieves compliance with the proposals to revise the Provincial *Emergency Programs Act* (expected fall 2020).

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

As per the City's 2020 Work Plan, Emergency Program initiatives for 2020 will continue to enhance community preparedness and build staff capacity to respond to threats.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The City of Prince George continues to build increased capabilities in planning and preparing for, and responding to, emergency events within the City and area and has become an industry leader. Initiatives planned for 2020 will further establish the City's preparedness for potential major emergency events.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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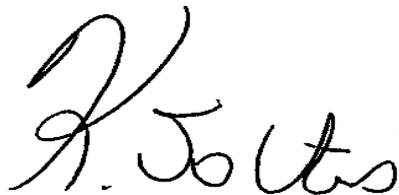
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