COMMUNITY OF MURRAY HARBOUR EMERGENCY MEASURES PLAN

BYLAW # 105

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A By-Law to establish and maintain a Municipal Emergency Measures Organization for the Municipality of Murray Harbour and the Murray Harbour Fire District and to authorize the Municipality of Murray Harbour to participate to the full extent of its capabilities in the Municipal Emergency Measures Plan.

WHEREAS Chapter 11 of the Emergency Measures Act 1990 provides that municipalities may establish a Municipal Emergency Measures Plan, and indicates the actions which may be taken by municipalities to further emergency planning;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to establish a Municipal Emergency Measures Plan to serve the Municipality of Murray Harbour.

THEREFORE the Council of the Municipality of Murray Harbour enacts as follows:

- **1.** A Municipal Emergency Measures Plan is hereby established, hereinafter referred to as the Municipality of Murray Harbour Municipal Emergency Measures Plan.
- 2. The purpose and objective of the Municipality of Murray Harbour Municipal Emergency Measures with the cooperation of the Provincial Emergency Measures Organization are as follows:
 - **a.** to plan for the emergency operation of municipal government;
 - **b.** to establish plans for the cooperation and mutual assistance between municipal governments in the event of a disaster or emergency;
 - **c.** to prepare plans for public survival;
 - **d.** to coordinate the emergency plans of the municipal departments and services having immediate responsibilities in the event of a disaster or emergency;
 - **e.** to cooperate with authorities of the municipality, neighbouring municipalities and provincial authorities who have been assigned comparable duties;
 - **f.** to conduct emergency measures courses for the training of personnel;
 - **g.** to conduct a public self-help education program related to emergencies; and
 - **h.** to carry out other similar work within the geographical area encompassed by the municipality.

- **3.** The Municipality of Murray Harbour Municipal Emergency Measures Organization may consist of:
 - **a.** Members of Council
 - **b**. The Municipal Emergency Measures Coordinator
 - **c.** Volunteers
- **4.** The Chair and Council will select an individual from within the Municipality to be appointed as the Municipal Emergency Measures Coordinator (MEMC). This individual will receive direction from and report to the Chair and Council.
- **5.** The Municipal Emergency Measures Organization shall have the following powers and responsibilities:
 - **a.** to establish policy for the Municipality of Murray Harbour Municipal Emergency Measures, subject to approval of the Council;
 - **b.** subject to the approval of the Council to name or assign such persons, as it may deem advisable, to perform duties related to continuity of Municipal government and public survival in the case of an emergency or disaster.
- **6.** The Municipal Emergency Measures Coordinator shall be responsible for:
 - **a.** developing and implementing the Municipal Emergency Measures Plan;
 - **b.** coordinating or integrating plans for the continued functioning of municipal services which would be required in the event of an emergency; and
 - **c.** when policy decisions are required, submit the matter to Mayor and Council in the form of recommendations.
 - **d.** the performance of other related duties as directed by the Chair and Council.
- 7. The local authority, when satisfied that an emergency exists or may exist in that municipality, declare a State of Local Emergency in respect of that municipality. Where the council of a municipality is unable to act promptly in declaring a state of local emergency in a municipality pursuant to subsection (2) of the Emergency Measures Act, the mayor of chair of the municipality may, after consulting a majority of the members of a council of the municipality where practicable, declare a state of local emergency in the municipality.

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