

BY-LAW #15/20
OF THE
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD

**Being a By-Law of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood to prepare
and adopt an Emergency Preparedness Plan**

WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood is desirous of creating a Emergency Preparedness Plan to advise and assist the Emergency Management Coordinator;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 232(1) of *The Municipal Act* Chapter M225 of the Continuing Consolidation of the Statutes of Manitoba, the Council may make by-laws in order to authorize and enable a Municipality to carry out, further, or implement any of the purposes, objects, or provisions of *The Emergency Measures Act*;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 8 of *The Emergency Measures Act*, being Chapter E80 of the Continuing Consolidation of the Statutes of Manitoba, the Council shall prepare, approve and adopt Emergency Preparedness Plans;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood has agreed to the necessity for a prompt and coordinated response to emergencies;

AND WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient and in the public interest to adopt an emergency preparedness plan, and to provide a prompt and coordinated response to emergencies;

AND WHEREAS Section 8(1) of *The Emergency Measures Act* provides as follows:

“Every local authority shall prepare and adopt emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans and submit them to the coordinator for approval and co-ordination with other emergency preparedness programs and emergency plans;”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1.0 That the RM of Rockwood Emergency Preparedness Plan is hereby established.

2.0 **DEFINITIONS:**

The Emergency Measures Act provides definitions for the following:

- a) “Emergency Preparedness Program” shall mean a program designed to achieve a state of readiness for emergencies and disasters;
- b) “Emergency Plan” shall mean a plan for preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters.

3.0 **REGULATIONS:**

- a) Appointment of qualified individuals to the position of Municipal Emergency Coordinator and prescribe any additional duties or alteration of duties other than those required under the *Emergency Measures Act* and its Regulations.
- b) Appointment of community members to its Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee.
- c) Appointment of qualified individuals to its Emergency Response Control Group.

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- d) It was intended that the emergency preparedness program would include an emergency response plan (response in this case also includes pre-impact preparedness and recovery of essential services) that would be submitted to the coordinator for approval.

Over the years, program and plan elements have tended to merge together in a single document that is arguably more descriptive of a program than an actual response plan, even though it is usually called a plan and contains plan elements.

- e) *The Local Authorities Emergency Planning and Preparedness Regulation 159/2016* (the *Regulation*) attempts to clarify key requirements of an emergency preparedness program:

Regulation #9 states: “Each emergency preparedness program adopted, reviewed or revised by a local authority after the coming into force of this section must:

- (a) Assist the local authority to prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate any hazard or risk identified in its most recent hazard and risk assessment;
- (b) Include information as to how residents can look after themselves and their families during an emergency or a disaster; and
- (c) Provide for a public awareness campaign alerting residents to existing emergency management tools and where to obtain additional emergency and disaster information.”

Regulation #10 states: “A local authority’s emergency plan is to be part of its emergency preparedness program.”

Regulation #11 states: “Each emergency preparedness program adopted, reviewed or revised by a local authority after the coming into force of this section must contain a business continuity plan.”

- 4.0 This By-Law applies to all members of Council, the Chief Administrative Officer, members of Committees of Council, Rural Municipality of Rockwood employees, those who appear before Council or its Committees and members of the general public, and may facilitate:

- Continuity of local government operations during an emergency or disaster
- Restoration of critical municipal services
- Adequate authority, including financial authority, to carry out assigned duties under the Incident Command Structure
- Acquisition and distribution of necessary resources
- Coordination with other levels of government, departments and agencies

- 5.0 In the event of any conflict between the provisions of *The Emergency Measures Act* or its Regulation and this By-Law, the Act and its Regulations shall prevail.

- 6.0 That the attached Schedule “A”, hereafter known as the Rockwood Emergency Management Plan is hereby approved and adopted.

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- 7.0 That the Council and/or Reeve of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood may implement the Rockwood Emergency Management Plan in accordance with the procedures agreed to and set forth in the plan.

- 8.0 That the Rural Municipality of Rockwood may enter into Mutual Aid Agreements for emergency purposes.

- 9.0 That the Rockwood Emergency Management Coordinator may develop and implement emergency exercise programs for the testing of the Rockwood Emergency Management Plan.

- 10.0 That the Rockwood Emergency Management Coordinator, or person appointed by Council, may make such amendments as and when required to the Rockwood Emergency Management Plan.

- 11.0 THAT By-Law #10/03 is hereby repealed upon Third Reading of this By-Law, #15/20.

DONE AND PASSED by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Rockwood, in Council duly assembled, at Stonewall, Manitoba this 10th day of March, A.D., 2021.

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ROCKWOOD

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GIVEN First Reading this 4th day of November , A.D., 2020.
GIVEN Second Reading this 10th day of March , A.D., 2021.
GIVEN Third Reading this 10th day of March , A.D., 2021.