CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MORRIS-TURNBERRY
BY-LAW NO. 109 - 2017

EMERGENCY PROGRAM and RESPONSE PLAN

A By-Law to formulate an emergency management program and plan, for the protection of public safety, health, environment, critical infrastructure and property and to promote economic stability and a disaster resilient community.

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has passed an Act which provides for the Formulation and Implementation of an Emergency Management Program, as set out in the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter E.9 Section 2.1 – states that “every municipality shall develop and implement an emergency management program” and Section 3.1 - states that “every municipality shall formulate an emergency plan”;

AND WHEREAS, this Act requires that the Emergency Management Program conform to the standards implemented by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with international best practices, including the five core components of emergency management; prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery and also make provision for the municipality and Council to develop and implement an emergency management program to protect public safety, public health, the environment, critical infrastructure and property and to promote economic stability and a disaster resilient community;

AND WHEREAS, this Act makes provision for the Head of Council to declare that an emergency exists in the municipality, or in any part thereof, and also provides the Head of Council with authority to take such action or deliver such orders as he/she considers necessary and are not contrary to law to implement the emergency plan of the municipality and to protect the property and the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of an emergency area;

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 absence or his/her inability to act;

AND WHEREAS, the Act authorizes employees of a municipality to take action under the emergency plan where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist;

NOW THEREFORE, The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry enacts as follows:

1) That Council approve the development, implementation, maintenance, testing and review of the 2017 Emergency Management Program, in accordance with the standards published by Emergency Management Ontario, in accordance with international best practices and such program shall include:
   a) A 2017 Emergency Response Plan which will be reviewed and revised annually; attached hereto as Schedule “A” of this By-Law;

   b) Training programs and exercises for employees and the Community Control Group of the municipality, will be held to review the process and shall include the response and recovery stages of an emergency;

   c) Ongoing public education on the risks to the public safety and a major emphasis on public preparedness for emergencies;

   d) Annual review, maintenance and enhancement of the emergency management programs, updating of all resource and contact listings;
2) That the Mayor of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, or his/her designated alternate as provided in the plan, be empowered to declare an emergency and implement the emergency response plan;

3) That certain appointed officials or their designated alternates as provided in the Schedule “A” Emergency Plan are empowered to cause an alert to be issued to members of the Municipal Control Group and to take action under the emergency plans where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist;

4) That annually, the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) and the Committee, will review the emergency plan and make such changes to its appendices as are considered appropriate to keep the plan current;

5) That the Emergency Response Plan attached hereto, as Schedule “A” of this By-law is hereby adopted;

6) That the persons noted in Schedule “A” of this By-Law be hereby authorized to act in the capacity of: Emergency Control Group;

7) That By-law No. 70-2017 was passed on the 18th day of July, 2017 to establish the Emergency Management Program Committee;

8) That where required by-law and for personal privacy and protection, certain personal information and resources identified in the plan are not to be made public;

9) That the Council authorize staff to make administrative changes to the plan including changes due to personnel changes, organizational changes, contact information, telephone numbers and other administrative matters.

10) That this by-law repeals By-law No.102-2016 of the Corporation of the Municipality of Morris-Turnberry.

Read a first time this 21st day of November, 2017
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Read a third time and passed this 21st day of November, 2017

Clerk, Nancy Michan

Mayor, Paul Gowing