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To: Emergency Preparedness Committee

And To: Brian Carruthers, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

From: Stephanie Masun, Manager of Emergency Program Services

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Short Summary:

Modernization of the Emergency Program Act

Voting:

Memorandum:

The Emergency Program Act (EPA) is currently being modernized to reflect the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People*, the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, and the *Draft Principles that Guide the Province's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples*. The modernized EPA will also incorporate lessons learned from the *COVID-19 pandemic*, the unprecedented flood and wildfire seasons of 2017 and 2018, and all four phases of emergency management – mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Emergency Program Services staff will bring forward the following topics for discussion:

- Anticipated key themes in the new EPA
- Potential implications to the CRD

Attachments:

EPA Modernization Summary

Financial Implications:

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Policy Implications:

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Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ **Communication:** Facilitate communication strategies throughout the entire Cariboo Regional District that meet the needs of residents, community stakeholders, and other levels of government.

- ☒ **Planning:** Intentionally plan services and activities of the CRD to prepare for future needs of residents and community stakeholders.
- ☐ **Economic Sustainability:** Foster an environment to ensure the economic sustainability of CRD communities and the region.
- ☐ **Governance:** Ensure that CRD governance policy and practices are intentional, transparent, and respectful.

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Options:

1. Receipt;
2. Receipt and other action.

Recommendation:

That the agenda item summary from Stephanie Masun, Manager of Emergency Program Services, dated January 19, 2023, regarding the Modernization of the Emergency Program Act, be received. *Further action at the discretion of the Committee.*