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To: Emergency Preparedness Committee

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

From: Irene Israel, Manager of Emergency Program Services

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Short Summary:

Emergency Program Services Strategic Plan

Voting:

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Memorandum:

Emergency Program Services staff have developed a strategic plan in alignment with the 2023 business plan goal, and as recommended by the 2021 Emergency Program Key Findings Report.

The primary objective of this strategic plan is to establish a structured approach to emergency management within the CRD that ensures the safety and well-being of all residents, minimizes disruptions to CRD Emergency Management Program operations, and facilitates a swift and coordinated response to crises.

The Plan will make recommendations to:

- Align the program with the new BC Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA)
- Adapt to the emerging complexities of extended and intensified response seasons and incorporate them into the broader frameworks of mitigation preparedness and recovery cycles.
- Optimize staff and financial resources with needs.
- Strengthen regional partnerships and governance structures to enhance collaborative efforts.
- Establish the program as a model for regional district emergency management.

Attachments:

1. CRD Emergency Program Services Strategic Plan – Near Final – April 28, 2024

Financial Implications:

Policy Implications:

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Alignment with Strategic Plan:

- ☐ **Infrastructure and Asset Management:** To establish a systematic, predictable approach to managing the regional district's assets and infrastructure that builds on current asset management data and condition assessments.
- ☐ **Enhanced Communications and Engagement:** To build trust and credibility of the regional district by enhancing our communications and engagement with citizens, stakeholders, and volunteers.
- ☐ **Effective and Responsive Land Use Planning and Development:** To ensure our land use planning and development is responsive to future growth and housing needs, anticipates risks and hazards associated with climate change and provides efficient and consistent processes for landowners and developers.
- ☐ **Relationships with First Nations:** To foster a healthy and inclusive region by building and strengthening our relationships with First Nations and embracing the principles of reconciliation.

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CAO Comments:

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Options:

1. Endorse recommendation;
2. Defer.

Recommendation:

That the CRD Emergency Program Services Strategic Plan be endorsed as presented.