



**Date:** 18/09/2024

**To:** Emergency Preparedness Committee

**And To:** Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Irene Israel, Manager of Emergency Program Services

**Date of Meeting:** Emergency Preparedness Committee\_Sep25\_2024

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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.

A draft plan was presented for discussion at the Emergency Committee meeting on April 30, 2024, where feedback was provided. Actionable recommendations have since been incorporated into the plan.

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 makes 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.
- Strengthen regional partnerships and governance structures to enhance collaborative efforts.
- Establish the program as a model for regional district emergency management.

## Attachments:

- 1) Emergency Program Services Strategic Plan

## Financial Implications:

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## 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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## Options:

1. Endorse recommendation;
2. Other action at the discretion of the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

## Recommendation:

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