

**MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MEASURES
ORGANIZATION BYLAW
EFFECTIVE DATE MAY 15, 1996**

BYLAW #13

**A BY-LAW RELATING TO ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING
A MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION IN
AND FOR THE TOWN OF STRATFORD AND TO AUTHORIZE
THE TOWN OF STRATFORD TO PARTICIPATE TO THE FULL
EXTENT OF ITS CAPABILITIES IN THE SAID ORGANIZATION**

THE TOWN OF STRATFORD

BE IT ENACTED and is hereby enacted as a by-law of

THE TOWN OF STRATFORD

(hereinafter referred to as the "Town") as follows:

WHEREAS Chapter 11 of the Emergency Measures Act 1990 provides that municipalities may establish a Municipal Emergency Measures Organization, and indicates the actions which may be taken by municipalities to further emergency planning;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to establish a Municipal Emergency Measures Organization to serve The Town of Stratford;

THEREFORE THE Council of The Town of Stratford enacts as follows:

- 1.** A Municipal Emergency Measures Organization is hereby established, hereinafter referred to as the Stratford Emergency Measures Organization.

2. The purpose and objects of the Stratford Emergency Measures Organization with the cooperation of the Provincial Emergency Measures Organization, are as follows:
 - a) to plan for the emergency operation of government of the Town;
 - b) to establish plans for the cooperation and mutual assistance between municipal governments in the event of a disaster or emergency;
 - c) to prepare plans for public survival;
 - d) to coordinate the emergency plans of the Town departments and services having immediate responsibilities in the event of a disaster or emergency;
 - e) to cooperate with other authorities of the Town, neighbouring municipalities and provincial authorities who have been assigned to comparable duties;
 - f) to conduct emergency measures familiarization courses for the training of personnel who have an emergency role;
 - g) to conduct a public self-help education program related to emergencies; and
 - h) to carry out other similar work within the geographical area encompassed by the Town.

3. The Stratford Emergency Measures Organization shall consist of two branches to be known as:
 - a. the Executive Committee; and
 - b. the Planning Committee.
4. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Mayor and two members of Town Council appointed by the Council by resolution at the regular meeting. The Council may fill any vacancies of the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
5. The Executive Committee shall have the following duties, powers and responsibilities:
 - a. to recommend to Council policy for the Stratford Emergency Measures Organization;
 - b. to recommend to Council, from time to time, by resolution of the committee, the appointment of an Emergency Measures Organization Coordinator for the Stratford Emergency Measures Organization and such other employees as may be required to assist the Emergency Measures Coordinator from wherever possible, within the municipal administration; and
 - c. subject to the approval of the Council to name or assign such persons, as it may deem advisable, to perform duties related to continuity of Town Government and public survival in the case of an emergency or disaster.

6. The Municipal Emergency Measures Coordinator shall be Chairperson of the Planning Committee and be responsible for:
 - a. implementation of the policy as formulated by Town Council;
 - b. the fulfillment of the "Purposes and Objects" as more particularly set out in Section 2 of this By-Law; and
 - c. the performance of other related duties as directed by the Provincial Executive Director.

7. The Planning Committee may:
 - a. consist of the following officers of the Town or their designates:
 - i) Chairperson of Safety Services Committee
 - ii) Chief Administrative Officer
 - iii) Fire Chief
 - iv) Senior Police Officer
 - v) Professional Medical Officer
 - vi) Public Utilities Representative
 - vii) Town Planning Consultant
 - viii) Or other as the Mayor deems necessary

 - b) appoint one of its members or another employee to act as secretary.

8. The Planning Committee shall:
 - a. be responsible for coordinating or integrating plans for the continued functioning of municipal services which would be required in the event of an emergency; and
 - b. when policy decisions are required, submit the matter to the Executive Committee in the form of recommendations.

9. The Mayor or at least two members of the Council may, when satisfied that an emergency exists or may exist in that municipality, declare a State of Local Emergency in respect of that municipality.

PASSED the 15th day of May, 1996.

WITNESS the corporate seal of the Town

MAYOR **C.A.O.**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

By-law No. 13, being a by-law relating to a Municipal Emergency Measures Organization for the Town of Stratford and the same is hereby enacted as a by-law of the Town and the Mayor and the C.A.O. be and they are hereby authorized to sign the by-law and apply the Town seal thereto.

DATED the 15th day of May, 1996

MAYOR **C.A.O.**

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