

Emergency Response and Recovery Plan



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The *Emergency Response and Recovery Plan* outlines the City of Prince George's authority to act in emergencies, and communicates the policies and procedures to be followed.

The plan also takes into account the coordination with other organizations, both government and private, that may assist the City of Prince George during an emergency.

The purpose of this emergency plan is to help the City of Prince George and community representatives **save lives, reduce suffering, protect property, mitigate damage to the environment, and control the economic consequences of emergencies and disasters.**

This plan provides the operational guidelines for coordinating response to incidents arising from hazards and risks faced by citizens, employees and visitors to the city.

Response Priorities

The City EOC, as with the site response level, supports a prescribed set of response goals. These response goals are outlined in the British Columbia Emergency Response Management System (BCERMS). These goals are:

- 1. Provide for the safety and health of all responders
- 2. Save lives
- 3. Reduce suffering
- 4. Protect public health
- 5. Protect government infrastructure
- 6. Protect property
- 7. Protect the environment
- 8. Reduce economic and social losses

All action plans shall take these goals into consideration.

Authority

- Section 12 of the *BC Emergency Program Act* allows local authorities, including the City of Prince George council, to declare states of local emergency.
- The intent of states of local emergency is to give the City extraordinary powers to prevent, respond to, or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
- The City council **must declare a state of local emergency** before ordering the evacuation of persons at risk, or to exercise other powers granted by the Emergency Program Act.

Declaration of state of local emergency

Division 3 — Declaration of Local Emergency

- **12** (1) A local authority or, if a local authority consists of more than one person, the head of the local authority, may, at any time that the local authority or the head of the local authority, as the case may be, is satisfied that an emergency exists or is imminent in the jurisdictional area for which the local authority has responsibility, declare a state of local emergency relating to all or any part of the jurisdictional area.

EOC Function Chart

