

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION

BY-LAW # 05-02-183

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Being a By-Law Formulating An Emergency Management Program for Protecting The Health, Safety and Welfare, Property and Environment of The Residents of the Township of Whitewater Region

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**WHEREAS**, the Province of Ontario has passed the *Emergency Management Act R.S.O. 1999, Chapter E.9*, which requires the development and implementation of an emergency management program by the council of a municipality;

**AND WHEREAS**, this Act requires the emergency management program to conform to the standards promulgated by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with best practices, including the four core components of emergency management, namely: mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response and recovery; and also makes provision for the municipality and council to develop and implement an emergency management program to protect public safety, public health, the environment, the critical infrastructure and property, and to promote economic stability and a disaster-resilient community;

**AND WHEREAS**, this Act makes provision for the Head of Council to declare that an emergency exists in the community or in any part thereof, and also provides the Head of Council with authority to take such action or make such orders as he/she considers necessary and not contrary to law, to implement the emergency response plan and respond to an emergency;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Act provides for the designation of one or more members of council who may exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Head of Council during his/her absence or his/her inability to act;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Act authorizes employees of a community to respond to an emergency in accordance with the emergency response plan where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist;

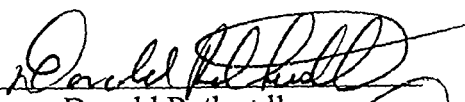
**NOW THEREFORE** the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region enacts as follows:

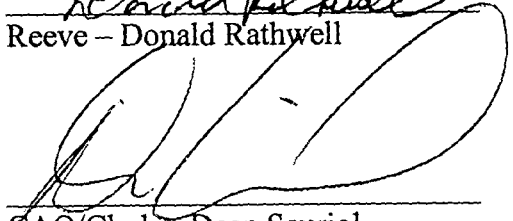
1. **THAT** an Emergency Management Program be developed and implemented in accordance with the standards published by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with international best practices;
2. **THAT** the Head of Council, or designated alternate, as provided in the plan, be empowered to declare a state of local emergency and implement the emergency response plan;
3. **THAT** certain appointed officials or their designated alternates, as provided in the approved community emergency response plan are empowered to cause an emergency notification to be issued to members of the Community Control Group, and to respond to an emergency in accordance with the emergency response plan where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist;
4. **THAT** the Emergency Management Program Committee will cause the emergency management program to be reviewed annually and to recommend changes to the program as considered appropriate and refer recommendations to Council for further review and approval;
5. **THAT** the Corporation of the Township of Whitewater Region will—following adoption of the *Whitewater Region Emergency Plan* dated January 2005—update and exercise the emergency plan on an annual basis.

6. **THAT** the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region authorize emergency expenditures of up to \$25,000 by the Chief Administration Officer in the event of an emergency with the proviso that:

- a state of local emergency has been declared;
- the Whitewater Region Emergency Plan has been implemented; and
- for the protection of the life and safety of residents of the township.

**Read a First, Second and Finally Passed on the Third Reading this** 2<sup>nd</sup> **day of**  
February, 2005.

  
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CAO/Clerk - Dean Sauriol