

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE

BY-LAW 2014-107

BEING A BY-LAW REQUIRING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, THE ENVIRONMENT, THE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROPERTY; AND TO PROMOTE A DISASTER-RESILIENT COMMUNITY

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has passed the Emergency Management Act 2002, 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 standards promulgated by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with international best practices, including the four core components of emergency management, namely; mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response and recover; and also makes provision for the municipality and council to develop and implement an environment, the critical infrastructure and report, and to promote a disaster-resilient community: and also shall consist of;

- (a) An emergency plan as required by section 3;
- (b) Training programs and exercises for employees and other persons with respect to the provision of necessary services and the procedures to be followed in emergency response and recovery activities;
- (c) Public awareness and education on risks to public safety and on public preparedness for emergencies; and
- (d) Any other elements required by the standards for emergency management programs set under section 14; and

WHEREAS this Act makes provisions 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 plan and respond to an emergency; and

WHEREAS the Act makes provisions 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 inability to act; and


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

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GANANOQUE HEREBY 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 the international best practices.

2. That the Head of Council or designated alternate, as provided in the plan, be empowered to declare an emergency and implement the emergency plan.
3. That the Head of Council and certain appointed Town officials or their designated alternates, as provided in the approved emergency plan are empowered to cause an emergency notification to be issued to members of the Emergency Operations Control Group, and to respond to an emergency in accordance with the emergency plan where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist.
4. That the Emergency Management 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 emergency plan approved in the Town of Gananoque under by-law 2009-03 continue to be viable.
6. That the Mayor and Clerk shall be and they are hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the Corporation of The Town of Gananoque all documents necessary to effectively complete this transaction.

READ THREE TIMES and finally passed this 07th day of October, 2014.



Mayor, Erika Demchuk



Clerk, Bonnie Dingwall