

Request for Decision

Title	Acceptance and Adoption of the Sturgeon Regional Emergency Management Plan
Proposed Motion	That Council approve the adoption of the Sturgeon Regional Emergency Management Plan (SREMP).
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends Council accepts and adopts the Sturgeon Regional Emergency Management Plan as presented.
Previous Council Direction	<p>August 28, 2017 (Sturgeon Regional Emergency Management Committee) Agenda Item 6a) <i>The Committee accepts the Regional Emergency Management Plan and recommends the approval of the plan by each respective municipal council.</i></p> <p>October 25, 2016 Motion 379/16: That Council give third reading to Bylaw 1382/16.</p> <p>October 11, 2016 Motion 339/16: That Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign and execute the Regional Emergency Management Partnership Agreement.</p>
Report	<p><u>Background Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sturgeon Regional Emergency Management Partnership began as part of a Corporate Initiative in 2012 that was to explore four possible areas of collaboration (Health & Safety, Disaster Services/Emergency Management, Recreation and Cultural Services Plan/Funding) between the Towns of Bon Accord, Gibbons, Legal, Morinville, Redwater and Sturgeon County. In 2013, a consultant was hired to review all municipal plans, bylaws, capabilities and willingness to participate in a Regional Emergency Management Plan Partnership. Upon conclusion of Phase I, all of the municipalities agreed to move forward with Phase II. Phase II began with the hiring of Emergency Response Management Consulting (ERMC). They were contracted to work with the CAOs to develop a Regional Partnership Agreement, a Mutual Emergency Management Bylaw and a Regional Emergency Management Plan.

- The goals of this project were to form a meaningful partnership, create a new Regional Emergency Management Plan, establish a higher state of preparedness for the Region, reduce duplication and recognize efficiencies.
- On September 27, 2016 during a Committee of the Whole Presentation, Council was informed of the structure within the partnership, which consists of:
 - Regional Emergency Advisory Committee – comprised of a member of Council, or alternate, from each partnering municipality;
 - Regional Emergency Management Agency – comprised of the Directors of Emergency Management and/or CAO from each partnering municipality; and
 - Technical Committee – fire chiefs, technical experts from each partnering municipality.
- For the last several months these various groups with the assistance of ERMC have worked to develop the formal Regional Partnership Agreement, an Emergency Management Bylaw, required Ministerial Order through Provincial Municipal Affairs and work on a Regional Emergency Management Plan.
- The Sturgeon Regional Emergency Management Plan is now completed. It is important to note that this plan will remain a living document and will require staff familiarization, ongoing training/exercises and updates as the region grows.
- Several other municipalities throughout the province have collaborated on similar partnerships that have proven successful.
- The work that has been completed brings us to the motion being presented today.
- In accordance with Bylaw 1382/16, Section 8.1.8 *“Council shall approve the Regional Emergency Management Plan and Programs as they relate to Sturgeon County and the Sturgeon Regions.”*

External Communication

- A partnership of this nature for our region is a success. The continued progress of this partnership will be shared with the public through the SREMP website, FYI, social media etc.
- Applicable provincial and municipal agencies will be advised as required through normal administrative channels.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

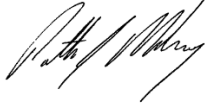


- *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c.M-26
- *Emergency Management Act*, RSA 2000, c.E-6.8
- *Ministerial Order A:003/17*

Implication of Administrative Recommendation

Strategic Alignment:

Such agreements demonstrate Strong Local Governance, depict Regional Leadership and Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities.

	<p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <p>This agreement ensures sustainable emergency management and planning for Sturgeon County, the Towns and Region as a whole.</p> <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>As described, a goal of this partnership was to gain efficiencies. The majority of this project thus far has been funded through grants. Moving forward there will be costs to support staff training, exercising of the Plan, development of Emergency Coordination Centres and recommendation of a full-time staff, coordinator position. It should be noted with the development of this partnership and the support that exist for such partnerships both at the provincial and federal levels, no doubt additional grant funding will arise.</p> <p>In 2017 the six municipalities contributed \$50,000, with Sturgeon County's portion at approximately 63% or roughly \$32,000. Funding regarding 2018 support of the SREMP will be presented through the normal budgetary process via the SREMP Committee member(s) and staff.</p>
Alternatives Considered	<p>Having an Emergency Plan is not an option - it is legislated.</p> <p>The alternative would be to not accept and adopt this plan and request administration to re-visit the content and bring it back to a future Council meeting.</p>
Implications of Alternatives	<p><u>Strategic Alignment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieves Strong Local Governance but may compromise Regional Leadership, with potential amendments, changes this may conflict with the five other partnering Councils and may be viewed negatively. • Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities and Organizational Effectiveness <p><u>Organizational:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans to review content and changes will need to be arranged, researched and addressed with consultant along with partnering municipalities. Time and capacity of staff will need to be considered. <p><u>Financial:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be determined.
Follow up Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The acceptance and adoption of the plan by Council will be noted and recorded by SREMP Committee and Agency.

Attachment(s)	1. Sturgeon Regional Emergency Management Plan (Public Version) link insert
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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

Mission: Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
<i>We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considers fiscal stability and sustainability 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect the Natural Environment			
<i>We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure effective environmental risk management 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Identity & Spirit			
<i>We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhances service provision through community partnerships 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
<i>We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
<i>We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive impact on residents' quality of life 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports and promotes volunteer efforts 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operational Excellence			
<i>We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streamlines operational processes and policies 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>