

HRM Emergency Management Organization (HRM EMO)

HRM EMO is staffed by a coordinator and operates under the authority of the provincial Emergency Management Act and HRM By-law E100

Duties:

1. Coordinate and prepare municipal emergency measures plans, training and exercises
2. Responsible for on-going public self-help education programs related to emergency preparedness
3. Following activation of the municipal plan or a declaration of state of local emergency, prescribe, as necessary, duties to be fulfilled by employees, agents, and volunteer fire fighters of the Regional Municipality
4. Perform such other duties as may be required by the Council.

HRM Emergency Management Planning Committee

Chair: CAO

Membership: CAO, HRP, RCMP, Fire and Emergency, Public Works, Legal, BPIM, EHS, EMO.
Emergency Public Information Officer.

The EMO Planning Committee meets a minimum of three times a year to advise HRM EMO on outstanding issues pertaining to emergency management.

In a declared emergency, the EMO Planning Committee is responsible:

1. to assess the short, medium and long-term emergency operating requirements for H.R.M.;
2. to recommend to the (former) EMO Advisory Committee when a state of local emergency should be declared, renewed or terminated;
3. to make policy recommendations to the EMO Advisory Committee;
4. to resolve inter-department or inter-organizational disputes; and
5. to ensure communications with all other levels of government, external agencies, and the public are coordinated.

(Former) HRM Emergency Management Advisory Committee

Chair: Mayor

Membership: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CAO and at least three Councillors

Duties:

1. Advise Council on the development of municipal emergency management plans
2. Present municipal emergency management plans to Council
3. Brief Council on developments during a local state of emergency
4. Perform such other duties as may be required by the Council.

When the Master Emergency Plan is activated, at least one member of the (former) EMO Advisory Committee will be available at all times. The CAO/EOC Manager will take recommendations on the following to the (former) EMO Advisory committee for approval: policy matters; declaration; renewal or termination of a state of local emergency; or execution of state of local emergency powers.