

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BONNECHERE VALLEY

BY – LAW NUMBER 2004-45

Being a by-law to adopt an emergency management program for the protection of public safety, health, the environment, the critical infrastructure and property, and to promote economic stability and a disaster resilient community.

WHEREAS, the Province of Ontario has passed the Emergency Management Act, which requires the development and implementation of an emergency management program by the Council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley:

AND WHEREAS, this act requires the emergency management program to conform to standards established by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with international 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, health, the environment, 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 Township or in an 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 the law, to implement the emergency response plan in response to an emergency;

AND WHEREAS, the act provides for the designation of one or more members of council who may exercise these powers and perform the duties of head of council in his/her absence or 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 BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT an Emergency Response Program be developed and implemented in accordance with the standards set forth by Emergency Management Ontario in accordance with international best practices.
2. THAT the Head of Council or designated alternate, as provided for by the act, be empowered to declare an emergency and implement the emergency response plan.
3. THAT specified appointed officials or their designated alternates, as provided for in the approved community emergency response plan are empowered to cause an emergency notification to be issued to members of the Community Emergency 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 Program Committee will cause the emergency management program to be reviewed annually and to recommend changes to the program as considered appropriate and refer changes to the council for ratification and approval;

5. That the council of the Township of Bonnechere Valley provide monies up to the amount of \$100,000 for emergency expenditures relating to a situation that constitutes an emergency as defined by the Emergency Management Act and based upon the implementation of the Townships Emergency Plan and associated with the official declaration of an emergency by the Corporation of the Township of Bonnechere Valley;
6. That by-law #92-36 of the former Village of Eganville is hereby repealed;
7. THAT this By-Law shall come into effect upon the passing thereof.

Read a first time this 25th day of October, 2004

Read deemed read a second and third time and passed this 25th day of October, 2004

Zig Mintha, Mayor

Bryan Martin CAO