

BY-LAW NO. 846/96

A BY-LAW OF LACOMBE COUNTY, IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISASTER SERVICES AGENCY, PURSUANT TO THE DISASTER SERVICES ACT, BEING CHAPTER D.36 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF ALBERTA 1980 AND AMENDMENTS THERETO.

WHEREAS the Disaster Services Act, Section 8, provides that the local authority of each municipality shall establish and maintain a municipal Disaster Services Agency.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable in the public interest, that an agency to deal with matters relating to emergencies and disasters be established for Lacombe County.

THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF LACOMBE COUNTY hereby enacts as follows:

1. There is hereby established a Disaster Services Committee, which shall consist of three members of council, to be appointed by resolution.
2. The Disaster Services Committee, in accordance with Section 8(b) of the Disaster Services Act, shall advise council on the development of emergency plans and programs.
3. The power to declare a state of local emergency, in accordance with Section 18 of the Disaster Services Act, is hereby delegated to the Reeve, or in his absence, the Deputy Reeve, or in their absence, any two members of Council.
4. Upon the making of a declaration of a state of local emergency, and for the duration of the state of local emergency, the local authority is authorized, in accordance with Section 21 of the Disaster Services Act, to do all acts and take all necessary proceedings to deal with the emergency.
5. There is hereby established a branch of the municipal government, to be known as the Lacombe County Disaster Services Agency, the membership of which shall comprise:
 - (a) County Commissioner
Assistant County Commissioner
Public Works Supervisor
Agricultural Fieldman
Maintenance Foreman
Construction Foreman
Chief County Constable or County Constable
 - (b) The Council by resolution may appoint representatives from public and private organizations operating in the municipality to serve as members of the Disaster Services Agency.
6. The Council shall by resolution, appoint one of the members of the Disaster Services Agency to be in charge of that Agency as Director.
7. The Director of the Disaster Services Agency shall be responsible to Council (through the Disaster Services Committee) for the preparation and co-ordination of emergency plans and programs, and for the submission of an Annual Report on the status of emergency preparedness in the municipality.
8. The Council may, from time to time, borrow, levy, appropriate and expend monies required to meet the ordinary operating expenses of the municipal Disaster Services Agency.
9. For the special purpose of preparedness for a war emergency, the Council may co-operate with the Councils of other municipalities, with the object of jointly establishing and operating an Emergency Government Area.
10. The Council may appropriate and expend such sums as may be agreed upon, to provide for the organization and operating of the Emergency Government Area.
11. By-Law No. 765/91 is hereby repealed.

This By-Law comes into force the day it is finally passed.

Received first and second readings, and by unanimous consent of the Councillors present, a third reading and finally passed this 12th day of September, A.D.1996.