Wheatland County Request for Decision

Regular Council Meeting June 16, 2020

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Appointment of the Director and Deputy Director of Emergency Management

Recommendation from Administration

That Council approve the appointment of the Manager of Fire and Emergency Services as Director of Emergency Management, and the Deputy Regional Fire Chief as Deputy Director of Emergency Management for Wheatland County.

Chief Administrative Officer's Comments

N/A

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Council is the "local authority" and the emergency advisory committee. It shall maintain an emergency management agency, which acts as the agent of Council. The "local authority" shall appoint a Director of Emergency Management in accordance with the Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation (AR 203/2018). The attached bylaw remains in effect and does not require any amendments as it provides the authority for Council to appoint positions to represent and act in the Director of Emergency Management position.

Relevant Policies, Practices, and Legislation

Wheatland County Emergency Management Bylaw 2013-13 Section 5 (c) states: That by resolution, Council shall appoint a Director of Emergency Management, and a Deputy Director of Emergency management who shall do those things required of the Director of Emergency Management in that person's absence.

Alignment with the Strategic Plan

This is in line with serving the needs of our diverse rural community.

Response Options

Option 1: THAT the proposed recommendation is accepted/approved.

Option 2: THAT the proposed recommendation is not accepted/approved.

Option 3: THAT an alternate recommendation is accepted/approved.

Implications of Recommendation

General

As per the Emergency Management Act, RSA (2000), E-6.8, Section 11: The Local Authority (a) shall always be responsible for the direction and control of the local authority's emergency response, and (b) shall prepare and approve emergency plans and programs.

Organizational

As defined in Bylaw 2013-13: Municipal Emergency Management Bylaw, the Director of Emergency Management will prepare and coordinate emergency plans and programs for the municipality; act as the director of operations on behalf of the municipal emergency management agency; coordinate all emergency services and other resources used in an emergency; and will perform other related duties.

Financial

N/A

Environmental, Staff, and Public Safety

By appointing a Director and Deputy Director of Emergency Management, the local authority is in compliance with both the Emergency Management Act (RSA 2000), and the Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation (AR 203/2018), to be responsible for the direction and control of the County's emergency response for safety of the public.

Follow-up Action / Communications

Inform staff of Council's decision.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Matthew Boscariol