



## BYLAW NUMBER 339

**A** Bylaw of the Municipal Corporation of the Hamlet of Fort Liard in the Northwest Territories to provide for a necessary Emergency Management Program under the provisions of the Hamlets Act, R.S.N.W.T., 2003, c. 22, s. 30 and s.72 and the Emergency Management Act R.S.N.W.T. 2018, c.17.

**WHEREAS** the Emergency Management Act Section 10 provides Hamlet with powers relating to emergency management and requires the Hamlet to provide for emergency measures within the municipality and to develop local emergency response plans;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE HAMLET OF FORT LIARD, at a duly assembled meeting, enacts as follows:**

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### SHORT TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the **“Emergency Management Bylaw.”**

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INTERPRETATION

2. In this By-law:

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| “Council”                                   | means the council of the Hamlet;   |
| “Declaration of a State of Local Emergency” | means a declaration made by resolution of Council according to Emergency Management Act R.S.N.W.T., 2018, c.17, s.10. and the Hamlets Act, R.S.N.W.T., 2003, c. 22, s.30,  |
| “Disaster”                                  | means an event that results in serious harm to the safety, health or welfare of people or widespread damage to property or the environment;  |
| “Emergency”                                 | means a current or imminent event that requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation or persons or property to protect the safety, health, or welfare of people or to limit or prevent damage to property of the environment; |
| “Emergency Plan”                            | means the Emergency Plan of the Hamlet;  |
| “Emergency Operations Centre”               | means the designated site from which Hamlet officials monitor and coordinate emergency responses;  |
| “Local Coordinator”                         | means the S.A.O. or designate;   |
| “Hamlet”                                    | means the Hamlet of Fort Liard, Northwest Territories; and,  |
| “Mayor”                                     | means the Mayor of the Hamlet, and;  |
| “S.A.O.”                                    | means the Hamlet's Senior Administrative Officer or the SAO designated and appointed according to the Hamlet's Act.  |

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS

3. Council shall:

- a) ensure that emergency plans and programs are prepared to address potential emergencies or disasters in the Hamlet;
- b) meet to review and approve the Emergency Management Plan and programs regularly, but at a minimum once per year, to ensure that Hamlet is prepared to address any potential Emergency or Disaster;
- c) provide guidance and direction to the Organization;
- d) enter into agreements with and pay persons or organizations to provide services in developing or implementing Emergency Plans or programs;
- e) provide for the payment of expenses for the members of the Organization; and,
- f) provide for an Emergency Response Center.



#### LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

4. An Emergency Management Organization for the Hamlet of Fort Liard is at this moment established and shall be comprised of the
  - Mayor;
  - Senior Administrative Officer;
  - Acho Dene Koe First Nation;
  - Community Safety Officer;
  - Health and Social Services;
  - Environment and Climate Change;
  - RCMP – Fort Liard Detachment;
  - NWT Power Corporation,
  - Echo Dene School;
  - Airport/Highway Maintenance Co-Ordinator;
  - Emergency Committee Administrative Assistant; and,
  - Others support the implementation of the Emergency Response Plan.
5. The Local Emergency Response Committee members shall assist the Local Coordinator in developing and implementing a Local Emergency Response Plan and establishing other emergency management measures.

#### LOCAL COORDINATOR

6. Hamlet's SAO is now appointed as the Local Coordinator.
7. The Local Coordinator shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
  - a) develop, coordinate and implement an Emergency Management Plan for the Hamlet;
  - b) test the Emergency Management Plan in cooperation with Hamlet Departments and outside agencies;
  - c) advise Council annually regarding the development of the Emergency Management Plan and related programs;
  - d) ensure the Emergency Management Plan is reviewed annually, and,
  - e) develop information to educate the public on preparing for and dealing with a local emergency.
8. Currently, Council delegates to the Local Coordinator all its powers and duties as the local authority under the *Emergency Management Act*, except for the authority to declare a state of local emergency.

#### EMPLOYEE TRAINING

9. Any Hamlet employee assigned responsibilities regarding implementing the Emergency Management Plan shall complete any courses specified by Council.

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

10. A state of local emergency declaration relating to all or part of the Hamlet may be made following the Emergency Management Act S.N.W.T. 2018, c.17 s.18 and section 28 of the Hamlets Act, S.N.W.T. 2003, c.22 s.

PROTECTION FROM LIABILITY

11. No action lies against the Local Emergency Organization or any person acting under the Organization's direction or authorization for anything done or omitted to be done in good faith while carrying out a power or duty under this Bylaw during a State of Local Emergency.

INTERPRETATION

12. This Bylaw shall not be interpreted to contradict or violate any statute or regulation of the Northwest Territories.

SEVERABILITY

13. Each section of this Bylaw shall remain separate and independent of and severable from all and any other paragraphs except where otherwise indicated by the context of this Bylaw. The decision or declaration that one or more of the paragraphs are invalid shall not affect the remaining paragraphs of this Bylaw.

REPEAL

14. Bylaw 314 is repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE

15. This by-law is effective upon the third and final reading.

READ for the first time on the 24th day of June 2024.

READ a second time on the 24th day of June 2024.

READ a Third time and finally passed this 22nd day of July 2024.

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Cathy Gonet  
MAYOR

It is certified that this Bylaw meets the requirements of the Hamlets Act - Section 77(1)(d) and the Bylaws of the Hamlet of Fort Liard.

  
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John W. McKee  
SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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