

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPIRITWOOD NO. 496**

**BYLAW NO. 9/2017**

**A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (EMO)  
BETWEEN  
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPIRITWOOD NO. 496  
AND  
THE TOWN OF SPIRITWOOD**

WHEREAS The Emergency Planning Act 1989, pursuant to Section 9 provides that the local authority of each municipality shall appoint a committee of members of the local authority area to advise on the development of the committee members;

AND SHALL establish and maintain a municipal emergency measures organization;

AND SHALL appoint a coordinator of the municipal agency and prescribe his or her duties which shall include the preparation and coordination of emergency plans and programs for the municipality;

AND SHALL prepare and approve emergency plans and programs;

AND MAY enter into agreements with and make payments to organizations for the provision of services in the development and implementation of emergency plans or programs;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 enacts as follows:

In this bylaw:

1. "Emergency" means:
  - a. a calamity caused by accident, by an act of war or insurrection or by forces of nature; or
  - b. a present or imminent occurrence that has resulted or may result in serious harm to the safety or welfare of people or in widespread damage to property.
2. "Coordinator" shall mean the person appointed by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 to organize Emergency Management in the municipality.
3. The Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 and the Town of Spiritwood are hereinafter referred to as the "municipal agency".
4. The Emergency Management Organization of the municipal agency shall be comprised of the Emergency Management Planning Committee, municipal departments and voluntary organizations within the municipal agency.
5. There shall be an Emergency Management Planning Committee comprised of the Emergency Management Coordinator, Town of Spiritwood Administrator, RM of Spiritwood No. 496 Administrator, an RCMP member, a member of the Spiritwood Fire Department, an EMS representative, Town of Spiritwood Public Works Foreman, RM of Spiritwood No. 496 Public Works Foreman and a Public Information Media Manager.
6. The municipal agency shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
  - a. Provides emergency plans from guidelines laid down by the Emergency Management Control Group;
  - b. Ensures that a continuous program of training for local Emergency Management Organization personnel is carried out; either by local training classes or attendance at provincial or federal training schools.
7. The Coordinator shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
  - a. Acts as Chairman of the Emergency Management Planning Committee established in this bylaw;
  - b. Stimulates and coordinates the development of an emergency plan for the community in co-operation with the departments and agencies of the municipality;

- c. Submits regular reports to the Emergency Management Control Group to keep them fully informed progress;
  - d. Correlates all activities of those person and or organizations involved within the municipal agency and designated for the Emergency Management Organization;
  - e. Co-operates with Mutual Aid Area and Saskatchewan Corrections and Public Safety on all matters pertaining to planning and operations;
  - f. Submits a projected budget to cover the costs of emergency management operations within the municipal agency;
  - g. Acts as an advisor to the municipal agency during emergencies or disasters.
8. The EMO Planning Committee as a whole under the coordination of the Chairman will integrate the municipal and voluntary emergency services plans into one comprehensive emergency plan.
  9. Each municipal department or voluntary organization of the municipality shall be responsible to develop and execute the emergency plan of the service he or she represents, train municipal employees and volunteers to make a comprehensive study of existing resources.
  10. The respective agreeing municipal agency may, from time to time, appropriate and expend monies on a shared and equal basis, required to meet the ordinary operating expenses of the said organization.
  11. The agreeing municipal agency may co-operate with councils of other municipalities for the purpose of jointly establishing a Mutual Aid Area, and only involves individual agreeing municipal agency resources.
  12. The respective agreeing municipal councils may enter into agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan or any other government agency as authorized by the provisions of the Emergency Planning Act, 1989 or regulations thereunder.
  13. The Emergency Coordinator of the Joint Emergency Measures Organization for the municipal agency shall be the Chairperson of the Emergency Management Planning Committee. A declaration of an emergency may be declared by the Mayor and Reeve or Deputy Mayor and Deputy Reeve. In the absence of the Mayor/Reeve or Deputy Mayor/Deputy Reeve a majority of the members of the involved municipal council are hereby authorized to declare a local emergency in the involved municipal agency area. Upon such declaration being made, the Joint Emergency Organization shall exercise all powers conferred upon them by the Emergency Planning Act, 1989 of the Province of Saskatchewan.
  14. On the making of this declaration and for the duration of the local emergency, the local authority, may do all acts and take all necessary proceedings including the following:
 

Powers of local authority 21(1) The Emergency Planning Act, 1989
  15. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of final passing thereof.
  16. Bylaw No. 1/2006 is hereby repealed.

*Shirley Dawin*

Reeve

(Sealed)

*Colette Bussiere*

Administrator

Read a third time this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.