



Council Resolution Form

Date: 20 Jun 2022 No: Resolution No.131-22
Moved By: Councillor Rigelhof, Seconded by Disposition: CARRIED.
Councillor MacPherson
Item No: 7.06.1

Description: Annual Emergency Exercise Exemption

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS Ontario Regulation 380/04: Standards under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act sets the municipal standards for emergency management programs in Ontario and requires municipalities to conduct an annual exercise with their Emergency Control Group in order to evaluate the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures, O. Reg. 380/04, s. 12(6);

AND WHEREAS Emergency Management Ontario previously granted municipalities exemption for the annual exercise requirement when the municipality experienced an actual emergency with documented proof of the municipality actively engaging their emergency management procedures and plan in response to the emergency;

AND WHEREAS on August 5, 2021 the Chief, Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) issued a memo to Community Emergency Management Coordinators stating that effective immediately, the Chief, EMO would no longer be issuing exemptions to the O. Reg. 380/04 requirements to conduct an annual exercise;

AND WHEREAS municipalities experience significant costs and burden to staff resources when faced with the response to an actual emergency and activation of their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Operations Centre;

AND WHEREAS a municipality's response to an actual emergency is more effective than an exercise in evaluating its emergency response plan and procedures as mandated by O. Reg. 380/04;

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Recorded Vote Requested by:

	Yea	Nay
B. Hunt	_____	_____
L. Perrier	_____	_____
C. Rigelhof	_____	_____
J. Frost	_____	_____
G. MacPherson	_____	_____

MAYOR

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:

Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),
abstained from discussion and did not vote

AND WHEREAS planning, conducting and evaluating an emergency exercise requires significant time and effort for the Community Emergency Management Coordinator and Municipal Emergency Control Group that is duplicated when the Municipality experiences a real emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Greater Madawaska hereby requests the Province of Ontario to amend Ontario Regulation 380/04 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to provide an exemption to the annual exercise requirement for municipalities that have activated their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Response Plan in response to an actual emergency that year in recognition of the significant resources used to respond to the emergency and the effectiveness of such response in evaluating the municipality's emergency response plan and procedures;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, local MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Solicitor General, and all other municipalities of Ontario

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