

**CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PETROLIA**

**BY-LAW NUMBER 63-2014**

**Being a By-Law to Require an Emergency Response Plan for the Town of Petrolia for the Protection of Public Safety, Health, the Environment, Critical Infrastructure and Property, and to Promote Economic Stability and a Disaster-Resilient Municipality.**

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**WHEREAS** Section 2.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter. E.9, as amended, provides for a municipality to develop and implement an emergency management program;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 2.1(3) of the Act requires a municipality to identify and assess the various hazards and risks to public safety that could give rise to emergencies and identify the facilities and other elements of the infrastructure that are at risk of being affected by emergencies;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 4 of the Act provides for the Head of Council to declare that an emergency exists in the municipality or in any part thereof and make take such action and make such orders as he/she considers necessary and are not contrary to law, to implement the emergency plan of the municipality to protect property, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the emergency area;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 9(a) of the Act authorizes employees of the municipality to take action under the emergency plan where an emergency exists but has not yet been declared to exist;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 9(c) of the Act provides for the designation of one or more members of council who may exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Head of Council during his/her absence or his/her inability to act;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF PETROLIA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **THAT** an Emergency Response Plan be developed and implemented in accordance with the standards published by Emergency Management Ontario;
2. **THAT** the Head of Council or designated alternate, as provided in the emergency response plan, be empowered to declare an emergency and implement the emergency plan;
3. **THAT** the designated management coordinator shall develop, implement and maintain the emergency management program;
4. **THAT** certain appointed officials or their designated alternates are empowered to cause an emergency notification to be issued to members of the Community Control Group to respond to an emergency in accordance with the emergency response plan where an emergency exists but has not been declared to exist;
5. **THAT** the Emergency Management Program Committee will cause the Emergency Response Plan to be reviewed annually and to recommend changes to the program as considered appropriate and refer recommendations to Council for further review and approval;
6. **THAT** the Town of Petrolia Emergency Response Plan attached hereto as Schedule "A" of this By-law as amended on December 3, 2014 is hereby adopted.

7. **THAT** By-Law 57-2013 be repealed, and any By-Law, sections of By-Laws, or Motions of Council found to be inconsistent with the Provisions found in this By-Law shall be and are Hereby Repealed.
8. **AND THAT** the short form of this By-Law be known as Emergency Response By-Law
9. **AND THAT** this By-law shall come into force and effect on the day it is finally passed

By-Law read a First and Second time this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014

By-Law read a Third time and Finally Passed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2014

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John McCharles  
Mayor

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CAO/Clerk