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FLOOD RESPONSE

Council Policy

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Purpose

1 This policy establishes an order of priority, criteria, and budgeting process for flooding concerns reported by residents and commercial businesses.

Policy Statement

2 It is the County's responsibility to respond to all flooding concerns with consistency and equitability. Furthermore, it is the intent of the policy to remedy situations where County property has directly resulted with flooding to the property of concern.

3 The County recognizes its responsibility to provide a level of service based on a system of priority that is consistent and equitable for all residents and commercial businesses.

Policy

4 Imminent flooding concerns have priority over potential flooding concerns.

5 All reported flooding concerns go through a formal review and documented process to allow the County to pre-screen flooding concerns based on the following priority criteria from most imminent to least potential flooding concerns:

(1) public health and safety;

(2) impact to county infrastructure;

(3) damage to private property as a direct result of County property;

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(4) loss of business;

(5) damage to private property not a direct result of County property.

6 The County may utilize road ditches for storage or conveyance to temporarily alleviate a flooding concern when there is no evidence of downstream impacts to other properties or environmental contamination, such as from a flooded septic field, gasoline, diesel, etc.

7 The County uses the Flooding Response Guide adopted by Council on October 2, 2007, as a framework to develop a Flooding Action Plan (Procedure).

8 The County adheres to provincial and federal environmental regulations when responding to a flooding concern.

9 The County adheres to its safety policies, and occupational health and safety regulations, when responding to a flooding concern.

References

Legal Authorities	• *Municipal Government Act,* RSA 2000, c M-26
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, etc.	• N/A
Related Procedures	• N/A
Other	• N/A

Policy History

Amendment Date(s) – Amendment Description	• 2019 November 26 – Council amended to align with current County practices and new policy standards
Review Date(s) – Review Outcome Description	• 2019 November 20 – Minor changes recommended to reflect County processes and standards

Definitions

10 In this policy:

(1) "Council" means the duly elected Council of Rocky View County;

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(2) "County" means Rocky View County;

(3) "County property" means property owned or under Rocky View County's jurisdiction, a road allowance by legal survey and statutory road allowance that include carriageway and ditch system, a freehold property titled to the County, and environmental reserve and municipal reserve as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*;

(4) "flooding" means the covering or submerging of normally dry land with a large amount of water;

(5) "imminent flooding concerns" means when flooding or damage associated with flooding has occurred or has a significant probability of occurring within 24 hours;

(6) *"Municipal Government Act"* means the Province of Alberta's *Municipal Government Act,* RSA 2000, c M-26, as amended or replaced from time to time;

(7) "potential flooding concern" means an abnormal condition is observed or identified, or a significant rainfall is forecasted, which, without intervention, may lead to flooding or damage;

(8) "road ditch" means a conveyance or storage of snow or storm water within a ditch system of a road allowance; and

(9) "Rocky View County" means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires.