



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

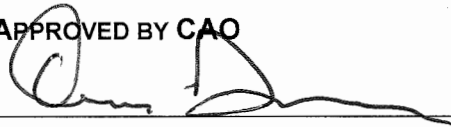
To: Community Safety Committee **Date:** May 20, 2016
From: Phyllis L. Carlyle **File:** 09-5350-00/Vol 01
 General Manager, Law and Community Safety (16.04)
Re: **City of Richmond's Participation in Exercise Coastal Response**

Staff Recommendation

That the staff report titled "City of Richmond's Participation in Exercise Coastal Response," dated May 20, 2016 from the General Manager, Law and Community Safety, be received for information.



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Staff Report

Origin

The Province and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District are coordinating a major provincial full scale exercise June 7 – 10, 2016 with the purpose of enhancing provincial emergency response capabilities to a catastrophic earthquake. This exercise will focus on small coastal communities that may require significant provincial support. The City has the opportunity to participate in a segment of the exercise; a 30 minute, simulated and real-time activation occurring on June 8, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

This report supports Council's 2014-2018 Term Goal #1 A Safe Community:

Maintain emphasis on community safety to ensure Richmond continues to be a safe community.

Analysis

The scenario is a magnitude 9.0 earthquake. The earthquake is designed to occur in regions where the possibility that damage and impact is highest. In this scenario, the Lower Mainland will sustain limited damage. The strategic objectives of this exercise are to activate and test elements for the provincial Earthquake Immediate Response Plan. This will provide an opportunity for other levels of government to test their plans, build a common operating picture and strengthen stakeholder relationships and engagement.

The exercise will involve a Declaration of a Provincial State of Emergency, activation of Emergency Operation Centres at all levels of government and select participating stakeholders and real time deployment of the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team from the City of Vancouver. As part of the scenario, the Lower Mainland will be impacted by subsequent aftershocks, which will require Local Authorities from across Metro Vancouver to collaborate on regional decisions and coordinate resources.

The City's participation in this exercise is limited to a 30 minute simulated, real-time activation of the Regional Emergency Advisory Group (REAG) by activation of a conference call with Local Authority Senior Management, Emergency Management BC, and Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management (IPREM) staff. This call is designed to validate the Concept of Operations¹ document where a collective agreement on prioritization of resources was developed through the IPREM Steering Committee.

Financial Impact

None

¹ <http://www.iprem.ca/initiatives/Pages/operations.aspx>

Conclusion

As the Lower Mainland will be impacted by subsequent aftershocks, Local Authorities from across Metro Vancouver will test their ability to collaborate on regional decisions and coordinate resources. By testing Local Authority's plans, a common operating picture and stakeholder relationships and engagement will be strengthened.

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