

COUNCIL REPORT

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Service Area	Public Safety Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

SUBJECT: Spring Freshet Emergency Response

OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Common Council adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Clerk adopt the Spring Freshet Emergency Response Policy.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the Spring Freshet Emergency Response Policy for the City of Saint John is to define the parameters that would initiate an emergency response to flood water conditions during the annual Saint John River spring freshet and the resources and services the city would provide.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTION

The City of Saint John currently does not have a policy regarding response to annual flooding associated with the Saint John River spring freshet.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This policy aligns with Council's priority for a Vibrant, Safe City, specifically as it relates to ensuring the delivery of public safety services including communications.

SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES

The adoption of the Spring Freshet Emergency Response Policy will reduce the negative impact on the City of Saint John as a result of spring freshet flooding. The policy will minimize the disruption to service levels to residents that would have been exposed in the past. The Policy establishes customer service levels and clearly defines appropriate Saint John Emergency Measures Organization's activation for varying flood heights.

INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS

- Transportation and Environment Services, City of Saint John
- GIS Services, City of Saint John

ATTACHMENTS

Spring Freshet Emergency Response Policy
Spring Freshet Emergency Response Presentation