



## Wetaskiwin City Council Amends Emergency Management Bylaw

**Friday, January 21, 2022 (Wetaskiwin, Alberta)** – The City of Wetaskiwin’s emergency Management Bylaw was amended by Wetaskiwin City Council during their regular January 10, 2022 Council meeting.

A recent review of the City’s Municipal Emergency Response Plan by the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) found that this Bylaw did not reflect the training and Incident Command System (ICS) structure utilized by the City. The updated Emergency Management Bylaw passed by Wetaskiwin City Council was therefore amended to include the definition of the structure used by the City to train and respond to incidents.

“Amending the existing bylaw to incorporate the Incident Command System (ICS) definition allows the municipality to align with the Provincial standard for emergency management in Alberta,” said Paul Edginton, General Manager of Community and Protective Services. “We will continue to work with the Province and ensure that our emergency management practices meet Provincial criteria.”

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a standardized approach to the command, control, and coordination of emergency response, providing a common hierarchy within which responders from multiple agencies can effectively manage emergent situations.

### **About the City of Wetaskiwin**

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community, home to a diverse population of nearly 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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