

BYLAW NO. 1-2026
Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1

**A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION**

Whereas the *Saskatchewan Emergency Planning Act 1989*, pursuant to Section 9, provides that the local authority of each municipality shall appoint a committee of members of the local authority area to advise on the development of the committee members;

AND SHALL establish and maintain a municipal emergency measures organization;

AND SHALL appoint a coordinator of the municipal agency and prescribe his or her duties, which shall include the preparation and coordination of emergency plans and programs for the municipality;

AND SHALL prepare and approve emergency plans and programs;

AND MAY enter into agreements with and make payments to organizations for the provision of services in the development or implementation of emergency plans or programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1 enacts as follows:

1. In this bylaw;
 - a. "Emergency" means:
 - i) A calamity caused by accident, an act of war or insurrection, or forces of nature; or
 - ii) A present or imminent occurrence that has resulted or may result in serious harm to the safety or welfare of people or in widespread damage to property.
2. The term "Coordinator" shall mean the person appointed by the Council of the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1 to organize the Emergency Measures Organization.
3. The Emergency Measures Organization of the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1 shall comprise the Emergency Measures Control Group, the Emergency Measures Planning Committee, municipal departments and voluntary organizations within the municipality.
4. The Emergency Measures Control Group shall consist of the Reeve or delegate and at least two (2) members of the Council who shall be appointed annually by resolution. The Emergency Measures Control Group shall be responsible for:
 - a. exercise of overall responsibility of planning and coordinating emergency measures in the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1;
 - b. submission to Council of estimates of expenditures for the maintenance and operation of the Emergency Measures Organization;
 - c. submission to Council at least once per year of a progress report of activities;
 - d. submission to Council for approval of a municipal emergency plan.
5. The Coordinator shall have the following duties and responsibilities;
 - a. acts as Chairman of the Emergency Measures Planning Committee established under this bylaw;
 - b. stimulates and coordinates the development of an emergency plan for the community in cooperation with the departments and agencies of the municipality;
 - c. provides emergency plans from guidelines laid down by the Emergency Measures Control Group;
 - d. submits regular reports to the Emergency Measures Control Group to keep them fully informed of progress;
 - e. correlates all activities of those persons and/or organizations involved within the Rural Municipality of Argyle no.1 and designated for Emergency Measures Organizations.

- f. ensures that a continuous program of training for local Emergency Measures organization personnel is carried out, either by local training classes or attendance at provincial or federal training schools;
 - g. cooperates with the Mutual Aid Area and Saskatchewan Emergency Planning on all matters pertaining to planning and operations;
 - h. submits a projected budget to cover costs of emergency measures operations within the municipality;
 - i. acts as an advisor to the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1 during emergencies or disasters.
6. There shall be an Emergency Measures Planning Committee comprised of representatives of all departments and agencies that have an emergency role, from fire, police, health, social services, transportation, communications, engineering, public information, animal management and such other persons that may be deemed necessary to formulate a municipal emergency plan.
7. The Emergency Measures Planning Committee as a whole under the coordination of the Chairman will integrate the municipal and voluntary emergency services emergency plans into one comprehensive plan.
8. Each municipal department or voluntary organization shall be responsible for developing and executing the emergency plan of the service it represents, training municipal employees and volunteers, and conducting a comprehensive study of existing resources.
9. The Council may, from time to time, appropriate and expend monies required to meet the organization's ordinary operating expenses.
10. The Council may cooperate with Councils of other municipalities for the purpose of jointly establishing and operating an Emergency Measures Organization upon appropriate agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan as provided for in Section 12 of this bylaw.
11. The Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1 may enter into an agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan or any other government agency as authorized by the provisions of the Emergency Planning Act or regulations thereunder.
12. The EMO Coordinator of the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1 shall be the Chairman of the Emergency Measures Planning Committee, and in the case of an emergency, where it is not possible to assemble a sufficient number of members of Council to declare a local emergency and the Reeve, or in his absence, the Deputy Reeve reasonably believes a local emergency exists, and the emergency requires immediate actions, he or she may make a local emergency declaration on behalf of Council. Upon such declaration being made, the Emergency Measures Organization shall exercise all powers conferred upon him or her and it by The Emergency Planning Act of the Province of Saskatchewan.
13. On the making of the declaration and for the duration of the local emergency, the Reeve, or in his absence, the Deputy Reeve, may do all acts and take all necessary proceedings, including the following:
 - a. during the declared state of emergency the Reeve, in absence deputy reeve and or member of council shall determine the actions, goals and resources required to address the emergency and advise the EMO coordinator who will carry out the required actions;
 - b. put into operation an emergency plan or program;
 - c. authorize or require a local authority to put into effect an emergency plan or program for the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1;
 - d. acquire or utilize any real or personal property considered necessary to prevent, combat or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster;
 - e. authorize or require any qualified person to render aid of a type he is qualified to provide;
 - f. control or prohibit travel to or from an area of the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1;

- g. provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and coordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in any part of the Town of Tisdale;
- h. cause the evacuation of persons and the removal or livestock and personal property from any area of the Rural Municipality of Argyle that is or may be affected by an emergency and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons or livestock and of the personal property;
- i. authorize the entry into any building or onto any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program;
- j. cause the demolition or removal of any trees, structures or crops if the demolition or removal is necessary or appropriate in order to reach the scene of an emergency plan or program;
- k. authorize the recruitment of persons needed to meet an emergency.

14. In the absence of the Reeve or Deputy Reeve, a majority of the members of the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1 Council are hereby authorized to declare a local emergency in the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1.

15. This bylaw shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing thereof.

16. Bylaw 1/04 is hereby repealed.

John Ryckman

Reeve

Erin McMillen

Administrator

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY of Bylaw 1-2026 passed by a resolution of Council of the Rural Municipality of Argyle No.1 on the 17th day of March, 2026.

Erin McMillen

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Administrator