



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 59 to identify a Council committee with responsibility for emergency planning matters

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To:	Executive Committee
From:	City Manager
Wards:	All
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SUMMARY

This report recommends that the Executive Committee be identified as the Council committee with responsibility for considering emergency planning matters and that Municipal Code Chapter 59 be amended accordingly. The Executive Committee is the appropriate committee to consider emergency planning matters since it is the committee with responsibility for city-wide, corporate, and inter-agency plans and policies.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Manager recommends that

1. The relevant sections of Chapter 59 of the Toronto Municipal Code be amended as described in this report to identify the Executive Committee as the Council committee with responsibility for emergency planning matters, replacing the former Community Services Committee in this regard.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to prepare and introduce in Council any bills required to enact this change.

Financial Impact

None.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The new Council governance model was implemented at the beginning of this term and the former standing committees have been replaced with a new committee structure. Chapter 59 of the Municipal Code must be amended to identify a committee in the new structure with responsibility for emergency planning matters.

COMMENTS

The Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 59 refers to the former Community Services Committee as the Council committee with responsibility for emergency planning matters. Under the new Council governance structure the Executive Committee is the appropriate committee to consider emergency planning matters since it is the committee with responsibility for city-wide, corporate, and inter-agency plans and policies.

Amendments are required to the Municipal Code, Section 59 to address this change by replacing references to the Community Services Committee with references to the Executive Committee in the following sections:

59-1: Definitions

59-3: Role of the Emergency Management Program Committee

59-4: Role of the Mayor; and

59-15: Role of Community Services Committee

As well, section 59-2(A)(3) of the Chapter identifies the Chair of the Community Services Committee as a member of the Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC) established by the Chapter. Given that the Mayor is designated as the Chair of the Executive Committee by virtue of Chapter 27 of the Code, and is already a member of the EMPC by virtue of section 59-2(A)(1), there is no need to amend Chapter 59 to identify the Chair of the Executive Committee as a member of the EMPC. Instead, the reference to the Chair of the Community Services Committee being a member of the EMPC should be deleted.

The Executive Committee's role and responsibilities will be the same as those currently set out for the Community Services Committee in Chapter 59.

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