



REPORT

To: Emergency Executive Committee

Report Number: CS-EEC-05

From: David Sturgeon, Protective Services Manager

Date: December 1, 2020

Subject: ***Emergency Program Act Modernization Update***

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Emergency Executive Committee receive the report titled *Emergency Program Act Modernization Update* CS-EEC-05 dated December 1, 2020, which provides an update on the current status of the modernization of the Act, for information.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, several stages of Emergency Management British Columbia's (EMBC) planned timeline for activities related to the update of the *Emergency Program Act* (EPA) have changed as noted below:

| Activities | Original Dates | Updated Dates |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Adoption of the UN Sendai Framework | June 2018 | June 2018 |
| Incorporation of Lessons Learned from Flood and Fires in 2017 & 2018 | January 2019 | January 2019 |
| Initial Engagement completed | September 2019 | September 2019 |
| Discussion Paper Posted | October 28, 2019 | October 28, 2019 |
| Comment Period on Discussion Paper | October 28 – January 2020 | January 2020 |
| What we Heard Report posted | March 2020 | August 31 st 2020 |
| 30 Day Comment Period on What We heard report | April 2020 | September 2020 |
| Legislation developed | Fall 2020 | Spring 2021 |

While EMBC continues to work on the modernization of the EPA, the PRRD will continue to make minor updates to the Emergency Plan and associated documents that we expect will continue post modernization of the Act.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Emergency Executive Committee provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Partnerships
 - ☒ Collaboration with Local and First Nations governments
- ☒ Responsive Service Delivery
 - ☒ Enhance Emergency Planning and Response Capacity
- ☒ Advocacy
 - ☒ Emergency Response Capacity for Local Governments

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None.

External Links:

1. [Modernizing Emergency Management Legislation – What we Heard Report – See Item 10.14](#)
2. [EMBC Discussion Paper \(Link for reference only\)](#)
3. [What we Heard Summary Brief \(link for reference only\)](#)