



Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) Designate

Every municipality is required to designate an Emergency Management Program Coordinator, otherwise referred to as a Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC). This CEMC is also required to complete certain training, within one year of designation as CEMC.

References

O Reg 380/04 states:

Emergency management program co-ordinator

10. (1) Every municipality shall designate an employee of the municipality or a member of the council as its emergency management program co-ordinator.

(2) The emergency management program co-ordinator shall complete the training that is required by the Chief, Emergency Management Ontario.

(3) The emergency management program co-ordinator shall co-ordinate the development and implementation of the municipality's emergency management program within the municipality and shall co-ordinate the municipality's emergency management program in so far as possible with the emergency management programs of other municipalities, of ministries of the Ontario government and of organizations outside government that are involved in emergency management.

(4) The emergency management program co-ordinator shall report to the municipality's emergency management program committee on his or her work under subsection (3).

Further, section 1 of the EMCPA defines "employee of a municipality" as:

"employee of a municipality" means an employee as defined in section 278 of the Municipal Act, 2001 or a designated employee as defined in section 217 of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as the case may be; ("employé municipal").

The section of the Municipal Act, 2001, referenced above states:

278. (1) In sections 279, 280 and 282,

“employee” means any salaried officer, or any other person in the employ of the municipality or of a local board and includes,

(a) a member of the police force of the municipality,

1 In this section Minister refers to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Similarly, the City of Toronto Act, 2006, states:

“designated employee” means any salaried officer, or any other person in the employ of the City or of a local board (extended definition) of the City and includes,

(a) a member of the city police force,

(b) persons that provide their services on behalf of the City without remuneration, exclusive of reimbursement of expenses or honoraria, if city council has passed a by-law designating such persons or classes of persons as designated employees for the purposes of this section, and

(c) any other person or class of persons designated as a designated employee by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; (“employé désigné”).

Regarding the CEMC training requirements, on 2017-01-09 the Fire Marshal and Chief, Emergency Management Ontario issued a guidance document that stated:

Municipal emergency management program coordinators, as designated by their municipality under O Reg 380/04 s. 10 (1), will complete the following courses offered by the OFMEM, within one year of their appointment as emergency management program coordinator.

- *EM 200 – Basic Emergency Management*
- *EM 300 – Community Emergency Management Coordinator Course*
- *IMS 100 – Introduction to Incident Management System (available online)*
- *IMS 200 – Basic Incident Management System*

Emergency management program coordinators that have already completed this training will not be required to repeat it.

Interpretation and Verification Requirements

The EMPCA specifies that the CEMC be an employee of the municipality as defined by the Municipal Act, 2001, or the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as referenced above. We have considered this definition in two particular circumstances:

- Volunteers – As long as the municipality has either passed a by-law which designates the individual as a municipal employee, or have passed a by-law which designates a volunteer group (e.g. a Volunteer Fire Service) that the individual is a member of, as municipal employees, this individual can be appointed as the CEMC; and
- Consultants – As a consultant is not a municipal employee, a consultant may not be appointed as a CEMC.

To verify compliance with these requirements of the EMCPA, OFMEM requests a properly completed and signed Form 4-1 (attached), whenever a new CEMC is appointed, along with verification that the appointed CEMC has completed the required training within one year of designation. It is not necessary for a Form 4-1 to be submitted annually; only when there is a new CEMC designated.

The Town of Fort Frances Community Emergency Management Coordinator is:
Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC.

The Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinators are:
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