

Modernization Update

Emergency Management Legislation

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What we'll cover

- Legislative direction
- Local government responsibilities
- Indigenous co-development
- Next steps





Legislative direction

Partner Responsibilities

- Minister
- **Provincial Emergency Management Organization (EMBC)**
- Ministries, Crown Corps, Public Sector Agencies
- Local Authorities
- **First Nations**
- **Critical Infrastructure**
- **Volunteers**

New/Revised Concepts:

- Build in recovery
- Strengthen mitigation and preparedness
- Fine-tune states of emergency
- Compliance & enforcement regime
- Revised framework for Disaster Financial Assistance

Ministry of Municipal Affairs exploring options for improved consideration of natural hazards in new development decisions





Changes for local authorities

- New responsibilities (phased)
 - More comprehensive EM plans
 - Required risk assessments
 - Stronger collaboration
 - Required engagement with neighbouring First Nations and EM partners
- Refinements to States of Local Emergency
- New Recovery Transition Period



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Co-development

- Required under Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act
- Working with First Nations Leadership Council, First Nations rights and title holders and Modern Treaty Nations
- Engaging with Metis Nation of BC, BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres and First Nations Health Authority
- Outcome will inform the new legislation, creating pathways for greater understanding and shared decision making



Next steps

- Ongoing legislative development
- Ongoing co-development
- Start of regulation development
- Start of implementation planning
- New legislation currently targeted for fall 2022



Questions?

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