# MINUTES OF THE BOW VALLEY REGIONAL EMERGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In-person
April 17, 2024 –
8:30 am
Town of Banff,
Council Chambers

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Corrie DiManno

Co-Chair / Mayor, Town of Banff

Sean Krausert

Co-Chair / Mayor, Town of Canmore

Grant Canning

Town Councillor, Town of Banff

Barb Pelham Jeff Hilstad

Town Councillor, Town of Banff Town Councillor, Town of Canmore

Jeff Mah

Town Councillor, Town of Canmore

# **COMMITTE MEMBERS/OTHERS ABSENT**

Chip Olver

Town Councillor, Town of Banff

# **ADMINISTRATION, OTHERS PRESENT**

Katherine Severson

Director, Emergency & Protective

Services, Town of Banff

Caitlin Millar

Manager, Protective Services, Town of

Canmore

Kelly Gibson

Town Manager, Town of Banff

Sally Caudill

Chief Administrative Officer, Town of

Canmore

Erica Gilmore

Administrative Assistant, Fire Department, Town of Banff

# 1.0 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Katherine Severson

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity, and truth, we honour and acknowledge that the townsite of Banff is located on traditional Treaty 7 territory. These sacred lands are a gathering place for the Niitsitapi from the Blackfoot Confederacy, of whom the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani First Nations are part; the Îyârhe Nakoda of the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations; the Tsuut'ina First Nation; the Métis Nation of Alberta, and many others whose histories, languages, and cultures continue to enrich our vibrant Community.

The Bow Valley has also long been important to the Ktunaxa and Secwépemic First Nations who traditionally occupied lands and use the watersheds of the Columbia and Kootenay Rivers and the eastern slopes of the Rockies. The area was also used by the Mountain Cree clan of Chief Peeches, and the Dene of the far north and far south.

The Town of Banff is continuously learning about the rich and complex histories of Indigenous peoples in this region and is working to refine how the organization can better understand and acknowledge Indigenous peoples that have and continue to contribute to the area. We recognize the land as an act of reconciliation and gratitude to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting and acknowledge the many First Nations and Métis who have lived in and cared for these lands for generations.

#### 2.0 INTRODUCTIONS

#### 3.0 ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

 Committee Chair Appointment: Mayor DiManno & Mayor Krausert will Co-Chair the committee. Meetings will rotate between the participating municipalities. The host municipality will coordinate meeting date, time, location, agenda, and minutes. AGREED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

# 4.0 REVIEW OF THE BOW VALLEY REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### **5.0 ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

• The plan will be made available to the public in both municipalities and shared on respective websites. **AGREED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT** 

#### 6.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

 Regional Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting – Town of Canmore to Confirm tentative date, April 2025

#### 7.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

9:40 am

Katherine Severson (Host Agency)

**Erica Gilmore (Recording Secretary)**