

Appendix C Amendments to Municipalities Act

Amendment to the Municipalities Act 1999

Response to Emergencies

- This amendment pertains to Section 183 of the act.
- Previously, municipal fire departments were only authorized to fight fires, carry out fire prevention services, and respond to other emergencies as authorized by the Minister.
- The amended legislation authorizes municipalities to determine the types of emergencies to which their Fire Department may respond.
- While Municipalities no longer require the authorization of the Minister to respond to other types of emergencies, they will need to obtain the authorization of Council.
- This will ensure that decisions regarding the extent of emergency response coverage are made at the local level, by the people most informed by local circumstances.