

Discussion on SVREMP to have LSA County handle Emergency Management in regards to provide Emergency Service (via County's Municipal Services package)

One of the main questions for this meeting was whether the SVREMP would be allowed to join as a group or would it be as individual municipalities.

In brief both the Parkland Model and the LSA County model would require the individual municipalities (SV's Villages) to join as separate entities to the County Services offer. This method avoids Ministerial Approval (as would be required with a group joining and subsequent Ministerial approvals for changes in group) whereas No Ministerial approval is needed for individual Municipalities. I

For the group as a whole to join, the County would see this only as a Mutual Aid agreement and would not supply the same level of Adm. Training ect. as is outlined in the Services Package being offered. (see pg 4 of 8 Emergency Management Services Agreement) which includes Training, Mock exercises, tabletop exercises ect. SV. (SV,s still responsible for payment and mileage of their staff involved)

In the event of an emergency the services package provides a DEM, a command center, facilitating supplies, and staffing and other operational needs for 24/7 operation. (note individual municipalities are still responsible for their costs incurred, same as with SVREMP The County would assist through an event and through the recovery.

SV's would still be required to provide a local Dem and keep up with all current legislation, Provide whatever staff that they could and make sure they are trained (thru County) It is absolutely necessary for SV to provide individual DEM FireChief other? With the authority to call shelter in-place evacuation, bulldozing of houses or other to protect life and community as a whole.

The weakness in OUR PRESENT system SVREMP, is/will be continuity in Regional DEM and DDEM. and member disagreements or withdrawals from group. At some point the group as a whole could be too small to function. We also do not have the resources or redundancy of resources that are available through the County. There are still several areas that OUR village falls short one being we have no block captains.

Although some members of the SVREMP group would like it to continue, it is my sense that there is a realization that it may not stand the test of time and that a new approach is needed. A lot of good work was done and it helps us in our present decision making..(considering that we had no idea when this program was first MANDATED to all Municipalities by the Provincial Government.)

I recommend that we approach LSACounty for more information AND at the next SVREMP meeting, which I expect to be held within the next few weeks, that we are prepared to vote, to either disband the group or allow individual SV's to pursue the County option and op-out of the group, without the present 12 month timeline.

Deputy Mayor

