

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF EAST ST. PAUL

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Protection of Property Policy shall set the guidelines for the distribution of sand bags and aqua dams for the protection of property located within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul.

DEFINITIONS

Emergency: an unexpected and sudden event that must be dealt with urgently

Imminent: about to happen, or threatening to happen

Potential: having a possibility or likelihood of occurring

Unexpected: coming as a surprise

PROCEDURE

Based on information provided by the Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation for the Flood Outlook Forecast issued from time to time and supported by the data collection of the municipality, the following shall be the policy for the distribution of sand bags and aqua dams for the protection of property located within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul:

In response to **potential and imminent** overland flooding and/or river/creek flooding. Property owners have a responsibility to dike their residence, however may be assisted by the municipality. Under the direction of the Emergency Coordinator of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul, the following guidelines shall govern or as otherwise directed by Council resolution:

1. Filled sandbags, subject to assessment by the municipality, will be available at a location to be determined by the municipality;
2. Transporting the sandbags to the property is the responsibility of the property owner;
3. The removal of sandbags after the threat or event of emergency is the responsibility of the property owner.

In response to **emergency** and **unexpected** overland flooding and/or river/creek flooding. Property owners have a responsibility to dike their residence; **however may be assisted by the municipality.** Under the authority of The Emergency Measures Act, Section 10 (1), when a “State of Local Emergency” is officially declared by the Council of the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul:

1. Filled sandbags will be delivered, at no cost, to the residential property requiring protection;
2. If required, in the opinion of the Emergency Coordinator, the commissioning of aqua dams will be installed by qualified personnel as designated by the municipality;
3. The removal of sandbags after the event of the emergency is the responsibility of the property owner;
4. The decommissioning of the aqua dams and all supporting equipment is the responsibility of the municipality.
5. Damages of property shall be the responsibility of the property owner. Under the authority of The Emergency Measures Act, Section 18 (1), the municipality will not be responsible for any damages that occur in the protection of property. Application may be made by the property owner to Disaster Financial Assistance should a program be available for any damages or through the Property Owners Personal Property Insurance.