



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
OF **WOOD BUFFALO**

# Declaration of a State of Local Emergency

*Emergency Management Act, RSA 2000, c. E-6.8*

**WHEREAS** section 21 of the *Emergency Management Act* (the Act) empowers a local authority to declare a State of Local Emergency (SOLE);

**AND WHEREAS** an emergency exists in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic;

**AND WHEREAS** the risks to public health and safety constituting the Pandemic emergency continue to exist within specified areas in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (and variants);

**AND WHEREAS** once a State of Local Emergency has been declared, pursuant to section 24 of the Act a local authority may do ***all acts and take all necessary proceedings***, including the powers found within section 19 of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** these risks to public health and safety constitute an emergency within the meaning of the Act insofar as they demand special regulation of persons or property to protect the safety, health or welfare of people and to limit damage to property, including control of access throughout the portions of the RMWB that continue to pose risks to public health and safety;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the *Emergency Management Bylaw 18/006*, this State of Local Emergency (SOLE) may be authorized by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Acting Mayor, or the Chief Administrative Officer, if the preceding individual in the enumerated list is unavailable to make the declaration;

**AND WHEREAS** RMWB municipal Council met on Sunday April 26, 2021 and, duly constituted, by resolution approved the declaration of a State of Local Emergency ("SOLE") subject to completion of this written Declaration;

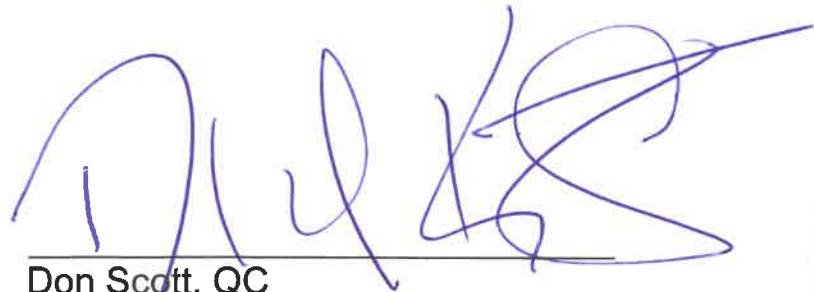
**NOW THEREFORE** the Mayor of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (or the appropriate successor to whom the power to declare a state of local emergency is delegated under *Emergency Management Bylaw 18/006*) **HEREBY DECLARES THAT:**

A State of Local Emergency (SOLE) within the entirety of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo has been enacted pursuant to the *Emergency Management Act*.

The SOLE will, pursuant to section 22(4) of the Act, lapse at the end of 90 days from the date of this declaration (i.e. at the end of Sunday July 25, 2021), subject to:

1. earlier cancellation by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;
2. earlier termination by the RMWB Council; or
3. renewal by the RMWB Council.

This Declaration is made at Fort McMurray in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 and will come into effect at 3:00 P.M. on this day, Monday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Don Scott', written over a horizontal line.

Don Scott, QC

**Mayor**

Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo