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Township of Southgate
Administration Office
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Re: Annual Emergency Exercise Requirement

Dear Ms. Green,

At its regular meeting of January 18, 2022, Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria received correspondence from the Township of Southgate concerning the annual emergency exercise requirement.

This Council supports the Township of Southgate in requesting that the Province of Ontario amend Ontario Regulation 380/04 under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to provide an exemption to the annual exercise requirement for municipalities that have activated their Emergency Control Group and/or Emergency Response Plan in response to an actual emergency in that same year, in recognition of the significant resources used to respond to that emergency.

This Council also understands the significant time, costs and burden to municipal staff when faced with responding to an actual emergency, and that responding to an actual emergency is more effective than an exercise in terms of evaluating its emergency response plan and procedures as mandated by the regulation.

Sincerely and on behalf of Council,

Crystal Fischer
Municipal Clerk

cc: Premier of Ontario Honourable Doug Ford