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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Thank you to those who attended yesterday's Staff Council briefing on the new Emergency and Disaster Management Act and its implications to Council's statutory authorities in an emergency. OCSO-VEMA staff wanted to follow-up with some additional information for your reference and in response to some of the questions asked during the briefing.

As mentioned during the briefing, the *Mayor, Council, and CLT Major Emergency Guide* (the red book) is being updated to bring it in line with the new legislation. This is expected to be distributed through interoffice mail within a month. In the meantime, please see the following information detailing States of Local Emergency and the available emergency powers.

1. [EDMA response and recovery powers \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
During an emergency, Council can access a number of extraordinary powers to respond to and recovery from the emergency. To access the powers, Council must first declare a State of Local Emergency. The list of available powers is outlined in this fact sheet.
2. [Guide for Declaring a State of Local Emergency in BC \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
This guide provides information on declaring a State of Local Emergency.
3. [Definition of Emergency Factsheet \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
When declaring a State of Local Emergency, the emergency event must meet the definition of an emergency in the Emergency and Disaster Management Act. The definition is explained in this fact sheet.
4. [Guidance - Post-Event Report by Local Authorities \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
 - o [Post-event report template](#)
Following the State of Local Emergency or Recovery Period, the City must report on the use of response and recovery powers using this template. VEMA will help complete the report.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions and Magnus and Daniel will ensure a response through the weekly Q&A.

Thanks,

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