

Declaration of a State of Local Emergency ORDER

WHEREAS there are wildfires within the jurisdiction of Regional District of Central Okanagan:

AND WHEREAS the wildfires pose an existing or imminent threat to people and property within the area known as Central Okanagan Electoral Area West;

AND WHEREAS prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property is required to protect the health, safety or well-being of persons or the safety or well-being of persons or the safety of property or objects or sites of heritage value;

NOW THEREFORE:

I DECLARE, pursuant to Section 95(1) of the *Emergency Disaster Management Act* that a state of local emergency exists in Central Okanagan Electoral Area West of the Regional District of Central Okanagan due to wildfires and imminent threat and potential harms to persons and property.

Per Section 97 (1) of the *Emergency and Disaster Management Act*, the state of local emergency will remain in force for fourteen days, until the end of 2026-08-15 unless cancelled by Regional District of Central Okanagan or the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, or extended by Regional District of Central Okanagan with the approval of the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

Loyal Wooldridge
Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Chair

08/01/2026

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**Local Authority Response Power Designation Matrix**

Reference: Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA) Part 6, Div 4 – Local Authority's Response Powers

Note: Enables use of response powers comparable to certain minister's powers under Part 5, Div 4, of the Act.

Note: Section 19 enables the local authority to designate a person to act as, or on behalf of, the local authority in relation to the response powers below. The person must be a member of the local authority's emergency management organization or an employee of a member of a multijurisdictional emergency management organization, as applicable. See section 19.

Response Powers		Designate			
		EOC Director	Deputy EOC Director	Operations Section Chief	Incident Commander
Section 107 (1)(a): Essential Matters <i>(minister's powers under Section 75, with the exception of 75(1)(b)(iv))</i>	Identify supplies, equipment or other items, services, property or facilities, or a class of any of these, as essential, and in relation to those things:				
	- establish or restrain increases in prices or rents for them - ration or otherwise provide for their distribution or use - provide for their restoration				
	Authorize a person to provide a service and give assistance of a type that the person is qualified to provide or give.				
	Require a person to provide a service or give assistance of a type that the person is qualified to provide or give.				
Section 107(1)(b): Land and Other Property <i>(Ministers powers under Section 76 (1))</i>	Provide for, maintain, and coordinate the provision and maintenance of necessities.				
	Appropriate, use, or control the use of any personal property.	X	X	X	X
	Use or control the use of any land.	X	X	X	X
	Authorize entry without warrant into any structure or onto any land by any person for the purpose of taking emergency measures.	X	X	X	X
	Prohibit the entry into any structure or onto any land by any person.	X	X	X	X
	Authorize or require the alteration, removal, or demolition of any trees, crops, structures, or landscapes.	X	X	X	X
	Authorize or require the construction, alteration, removal, or demolition of works.	X	X	X	
	Require the owner of a structure to have any damage assessed and provide assessment results to the minister or a person within a class of persons specified by the minister.	X	X		

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Section 107(1)(c): Evacuation and Removals <i>(minister's powers under Section 77(1) or (2))</i>	Require a person to evacuate from any area to which a state of local emergency applies.	X	X		
	Authorize the evacuation of individuals or animals or both, from the area.	X	X		
	Authorize the removal of personal property from the area.	X	X	X	X
	Arrange for: - the adequate care and protection of evacuated individuals or animals, or both - the adequate protection of personal property that has been removed	X	X		
Section 107(1)(d): General Restrictions <i>(minister's powers under Section 78)</i>	Control or prohibit travel to or from any area.	X	X	X	X
	Control or prohibit the carrying on of a business or type of business.	X	X		
	Control or prohibit an event or a type of event.	X	X		
	Require a person to stop doing an activity, including an activity that a person is licensed, permitted, or otherwise authorized to do under an enactment.	X	X		
	Put limits or conditions on doing an activity, including limits or conditions that have the effect of modifying a license, permit, or other authorization issued under an enactment.	X	X		

The designations shown in this form are effective 08/01/2026 and replace all prior designations.

Approved by: _____

Loyal Wooldridge
Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Chair

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