

# Modernization Update

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## Emergency Management Legislation

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# What we'll cover

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- Legislative direction
- Disaster Financial Assistance
- Local government responsibilities
- Indigenous co-development
- Next steps



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# Legislative direction

## Partner Responsibilities

- Minister
- **Provincial Emergency Management Organization (EMBC)**
- Ministries, Crown Corps, Public Sector Agencies
- Local Authorities
- **First Nations**
- **Critical Infrastructure**
- **Volunteers**

## New/Revised Concepts:

- Build in recovery
- Strengthen mitigation and preparedness
- Fine-tune states of emergency
- Compliance & enforcement regime
- Revised framework for Disaster Financial Assistance

*Ministry of Municipal Affairs exploring options for improved consideration of natural hazards in new development decisions*



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# Disaster Financial Assistance

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- Enhanced administrative fairness
- Enhanced transparency
- Clarified process and timelines
- Details will remain in regulation, e.g. eligibility criteria and reimbursement



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# Changes for local authorities

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- New responsibilities (phased)
  - More comprehensive EM plans
  - Required risk assessments
  - Stronger collaboration
  - Required engagement with neighbouring First Nations and EM partners
- Refinements to States of Local Emergency
- New Recovery Transition Period



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# Co-development

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- Required under Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act
- Working with First Nations Leadership Council, First Nations rights and title holders and Modern Treaty Nations
- Engaging with Metis Nation of BC, BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres and First Nations Health Authority
- Outcome will inform the new legislation, creating pathways for greater understanding and shared decision making



# Next steps

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- Ongoing legislative development
- Ongoing co-development
- Start of regulation development
- Start of implementation planning
- New legislation currently targeted for fall 2022



# Questions?

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