



COMMITTEE REPORT

EMO COMMITTEE

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DATE: September 26, 2023

ATTENDEES: Susan Cassidy, Carla Ward, Jason Vallis, John Johnston, Mike Mockler, Chris Bringloe, Evelyn Fidler, Terri Parker (EM Coordinator/CAO-Treasurer), Megan Keenan, Sherri Johnston (staff)

ABSENT: Ross Mathers

SPECIAL GUEST: Dan Dekleva- NBEMO

Meeting Called to Order- 6:10 pm

The August committee report was reviewed and discussed Hurricane Lee.

- Numerous Voyent Alerts were sent out advising our residents of flooding and road closures.
- With Sentinel we had approximately 680 alerts, we now have 1850 alerts being sent each time.
- We did receive comments on social media that the resident(s) felt that we were using it too much and discontinued the service.
- It was suggested that we should have sent out a follow-up alert once the roads were open; this was overlooked and will be done in the future.
- We will continue to encourage our residents to sign up for the Voyent Alerts through social media, the Hanwell Herald, social media and we will do a flyer for Fire Prevention Week.

Dan Dekleva from NBEMO attended the meeting and provided additional suggestions to the Emergency Plan.

- Do a separate report to put on our website for public; description of what to do in an emergency, phone numbers, how to register and access Voyent Alert System
- Draft a Shelter Plan; what factors must be in place to open the shelter such as 36 hrs if the temperature is less than 15 degrees, space size, what is offered, contact information etc.
- Add the 72-hour checklist to both our Emergency Plan and the public report.
- Add levels of monitoring with the definitions.
- Remove sections that are duplicated and remove section 10 about dispatching.
- Add the various radio stations.

Mr. Dekleva provided the committee a Hazard, Risk Vulnerability Assessment that we will use to identify what our hazards are and ensure that those risks are identified in our plan. We said that we are concerned for the residents of the Yoho Lake as there is only one road in and out. We also discussed the access road that goes between the Smith Road and Charters Settlement. The CAO for Sunbury York South, has met with the fire chief of New Maryland and a meeting will be set up with the CAO and Chief Crouse to discuss and will bring suggestions back to the committee and council. The committee felt that council should discuss the Yoho Lake Road access with DTI and possibly Justice and Public Safety. The CAO will get additional information on what may be needed for these areas, and the committee and council can discuss in the near future.



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Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14th, the committee suggested that we purchase a multi-use crank radio and give as a prize for anyone that is signed up for Voyent, and also purchase another one to use as a prize for our Halloween Decorating Contest and/or Christmas Light Contest (cost is approx. \$30-50)

An Emergency Measures and Climate Change seminar is being held at the Fredericton Inn on October 24th in which the CAO and Councillor Chris Bringloe (committee member and newly elected councillor) will be attending. As part of the CAO's final course on her Municipal Management Leadership certification, the CAO will be taking a course on Climate Change and Emergency Measures at the University of Moncton on October 19th, and an update will be provided at our next meeting.

The New Brunswick Emergency Measures Organization (NBEMO) Preparedness Cell will be visiting the 12 regions to meet with the Emergency Management Directors/Coordinators from the communities and First Nations with the aim to communicate what NBEMO can provide in terms of assistance and training for all involved in Emergency Management (EM). An update from this meeting will provided once a date is determined.

Our next meeting will be held on October 25th, 2023 at 6pm. These meetings are open to the public and are recorded and placed on our website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri L Parker
CAO/Treasurer