



COMMITTEE REPORT

EMO COMMITTEE

DATE: April 24, 2024

ATTENDEES: Councillor Chris Bringloe, John Johnston, Evelyn Fidler, Mike Mockler, Ross Mathers, John Casey, Steve Johnston (Asst Dep. Fire Chief), Terri Parker (EM Coordinator/CAO-Treasurer), Sherri Johnston (staff), Megan Keenan (staff)

ABSENT: Carla Ward and Susan Cassidy, Jason Vallis

Meeting Called to Order- 6:10 pm

In honour of Carla Ward many years and dedication to our committee, we had cake and coffee, unfortunately she was not in attendance to our meeting. Carla, on behalf of the Mayor and Council, past and present as well our EMO Committee, we would like to thank you for your dedication and hard work working on the original plan and by-law and starting the committee many years ago. Your support and endless hours have not gone unnoticed, and we appreciate you and wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Further discussion from last month's meeting was reviewed regarding the restructuring of the EMO committee.

One of the key points was to change our committee from monthly meetings to seasonal meetings so that we can educate our residents for the next season and prepare for any emergencies.

It was brought up that we should contact the Multicultural Association to have them on board in case we may need them in an emergency. There are many families who have immigrated to Hanwell, and we need to be prepared.

We discussed communication and what we learned from the power outages in December, especially for those that are not able to access information due to the outage. When we do our social media and website posts prior to the event, we need to make sure that we post a contact number. Residents do need to be prepared for 72 hours but if their power is not back on, and they don't have access to internet providing them with the number in advance would be very helpful.

We need to reach out to the churches to see about warming centres, to avoid duplication, as well we should reach out to the various businesses in our community to see what they store so we are aware in an emergency ex. Gas stations, Industrial/Business parks, and possible individual businesses. What is stored, do they have a plan, could we have a copy. We also discussed asking nursing homes and the churches to come in and let us know about their needs during an emergency.

We discussed the possibility of storing water in advance of a possible event however it was agreed that that was not the way to move forward. Storage capabilities are most definitely an issue.

Assistant Deputy Chief Johnston reminded everyone that the Emergency Plan is a living document and will continually change. We have a very good plan, and we will have to continue building on it.



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At our May meeting, we will create an exercise based on a fire and evacuation, as we are now into fire season, and will use our Emergency Plan to make any necessary changes. Assistant Deputy Chief Johnston will assist the Chair with this exercise.

Two committee members have resigned and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their input to our committee: Councillor Chris Bringloe, and Committee Member John Casey

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 pm

Our next meeting will be held on May 22 at 6pm. These meetings are open to the public with a report of the meeting placed on our website. This will be our last meeting, returning in September unless otherwise necessary.

Terri L. Parker

Terri L Parker CAO/Treasurer EM Coordinator

Motions: I move to accept the resignations of John Casey and Councillor Chris Bringloe from the EMO Committee effective May 6, 2024.

I move to accept the EMO Committee report dated April 24, 2024 as presented.