

Emergency Management Update – August 2022

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Report Summary

This report provides an update regarding the recent business activities within the Emergency Management Section of the Community Safety Department.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)

This report refers to operational matters and has no direct connection to the Community Energy and Emissions Plan.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Background

The Emergency Management Section provides leadership, guidance, and public education to ensure the safety of residents in community emergencies. This Section is governed by the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA). The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) and the Greater Sudbury Emergency Management Advisory Panel provide further direction and advice to the Emergency Management Section. This section offers 24/7 support with a primary focus on the safety of our citizens through the effective management of community risks and emergencies.

New Hazardous Materials Notification – Sudbury Alerts

Emergency Management continues to engage community partners to encourage participation in the public notification of localized emergencies through the Everbridge, or Sudbury Alerts system, specific to the potential for hazardous material release.

Effective July 1, 2022, Glencore Sudbury Integrated Nickel Operations, has been added to the system to include potential tailings dam emergencies at their Levack and Falconbridge operations.

Launched in 2017, Sudbury Alerts is the City's mass notification service used to notify residents of any imminent threat to public safety. To sign up for alerts or to update your existing profile, please visit www.greatersudbury.ca/sudburyalerts.

This community initiative is a partnership between the City of Greater Sudbury, Glencore, Vale, Greater Sudbury Police Services, Greater Sudbury Utilities, and Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

Stronger Together - Host Community Planning and Framework

The Stronger Together model is specifically designed to assist First Nations and municipalities work collaboratively on community economic development initiatives and focuses on the processes and structures needed to support joint First Nations municipal planning and decision making.

Representatives from 17 Indigenous service agencies, urban Indigenous partners, and community organizations, and various City departments continue to work together to develop and establish a new host community plan for 2022 using the Stronger Together framework.

Using the Stronger Together model that included feedback from the May planning session, an operations plan was developed and shared with the Stronger Together partners with the full plan anticipated to be finalized in the coming weeks.

With much of the Province at low to moderate risk throughout much of July and at the time of the publishing of this report, the City of Greater Sudbury had not received an official ask from the Province to host communities affected by wildfires in Ontario. The status of the current wildfire situation is updated regularly and available at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>.

The potential to host communities evacuated due to flooding or wildfires remains a complex endeavor, even more so during the pandemic, that further challenges our community's emergency, health, and social resources. However, this is essential work and demonstrates our collective support for Indigenous communities. The City's decision to act as a host community will always consider the current conditions and circumstances that exist at the time to best inform our decision.

Community Emergency Exercises

Emergency Management conducts regular testing of operating procedures as outlined in the Community Emergency Response Plan (ERP). Plans and operating procedures are also tested by community and industry partners on an annual basis, as part of compliance to the various oversight agencies.

The following outlines the emergency exercises conducted in June 2022:

CGS Quarterly (Q2) Hazardous Materials Notification Test – June 29 (rescheduled from June 8)

Hazardous materials notification protocols were tested among internal partners.