



Municipal Emergency Management Program

Municipality of FORT FRANCES

Designation TOWN

Region/District RAINY RIVER DISTRICT

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TOWN OF FORT FRANCES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9, as amended and its associated regulations and standards, requires the implementation of a mandatory emergency management program by all Ontario Municipalities.

The Emergency Management Program shall consist of the following:

- Designation of a Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC);
- Formation of a Municipal Emergency Management Program Committee;
- Publication of an appropriate Emergency Operations Centre (EOC);
- Development of an appropriate Emergency Response Capability;
- Conduct annual training and exercises for the MECG and other persons with respect to the provision of necessary services and the procedures to be followed in emergency response and recovery activities;
- Development and Implementation of a Public Awareness Program & Education on risks to public safety and preparedness for emergencies;
- Identification of individuals to act as Emergency Information Officers;
- Conduct an Annual Review of the Emergency Management Program.

MISSION/GOAL

The mission of the Town of Fort Frances MECG is to provide the highest level of emergency preparedness to the visitors and citizens of Fort Frances. Our goal is to save lives, protect property and the environment through prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery actions.

Prevention – Actions taken to prevent an emergency or disaster.

Mitigation – Actions taken to reduce the effects of an emergency or disaster.

Preparedness – Actions taken prior to an emergency or disaster to ensure an effective response. These actions include the formulation of an emergency response plan, training, exercises and public awareness and education.

Response – Actions taken to respond to an emergency or disaster.

Recovery – Actions taken to recover from an emergency or disaster and to return the Town of Fort Frances or the affected area back to normal after an emergency or disaster.

MEMBERS OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The emergency management program committee acts as an advisory committee to the MECG and its advisory & support members. The program committee guides the development, implementation and maintenance of the Town of Fort Frances Emergency Management Program. The formation of this committee is a key organizational step towards making the emergency management process work at the local level.

The Committee is chaired by the Town Administrator and is composed of the following positions:

- Mayor
- Deputy Mayor
- Town Administrator
- Fire Chief/CEMC
- Alternate CEMC/PIO
- Manager of Operations and Facilities
- Emergency Information Officer
- Chief Building Official
- Treasurer

The emergency management program chair and committee members are approved by Municipal By-Law by the Mayor & Council of the Town of Fort Frances.