

Local Emergency Management Organization (LEMO)
Emergency Management Planning Meeting
May 15th, 2024

Glenn Smith, Erin Griffiths, Travis Wright, Patrick Bergen, Mayor Jameson, David Taylor, Stephane Millette, Stacey Barnes, Glen McPhee

Minutes

1. Approval of May 8th, 2024 Minutes

M:Patrick; S:Travis

2. Weekly Update

Travis

- Call for fire at Patterson, high winds caused activity
- ECC unable to respond, so HRFD responded
- Was in a burned area, in sawdust pile into the ground
- In total 7-8 hours, no activity since
- Been in the ground since last year, producing smoke
- Communications weren't clear from ECC, advised town on the situation once laid eyes on it – Called the NWT FIRE number and no answer right away – finally answered and they were “busy”
- NWTEL went down, unsure of what part will go down, never the same lines when fibre's are burned.
- Need procedures going forward for communications in case of a partial or full lost

3. MACA asking about hosting capacity

Stephane

- What is our capacity in case on evacuation of Dehcho region
- Reached out to health, hotels, and various businesses
- Working through the preparedness planning and process
- Food services and voucher program to make better uses of resources
- MACA confirmed funding for hosting evacuations (depending on how many you host)
- Updated financial assistance program was announced in the media, unsure how quickly that will be rolled out. Will make a difference for hosting, more details to follow
- HRHSSA – have a standing order at the hotel with vouchers for 10 rooms, more details to follow once logistics are figured out

4. Roundtable Update on Preparedness Activities

Travis

- Meeting with ECC on wildfire protection outlines and plans, including areas that need to be assessed
- Local fire smart program is underway – curbside clean up is now advertised
- Community siren – working on quotes
- Mutual aid agreements ongoing
- Table top exercise – will have for next meeting

Patrick

- Radio ads are up and ongoing
- FAQ button on the page – not an acceptable way to do it.

David

- Fire hydrant inspections – starting next week

Erin

- Purchased star links
- Revamping support with being a host community

Wendy

- Do we have a host community in case for evacuation? Nothing different at this time

5. Next Meeting

- May 29th, 2024