

LEMO Planning Meeting

Thursday, March 27, 2025

10:43 AM

Attendance: Glenn Smith, Patrick Bergen, Stephane Millette, Blair Porter, Travis Wright, Robert Bouchard, Bobby Bourque, Memory M??, Michael Sunrise (KFN Fire Chief)?, Erin Griffiths, Wendy Cyan (West Point)

Motion to accept agenda - add training item as #6

- Robert/Travis

BACKGROUNDS & INTRODUCTION

Round table

Legislated by Acts & Bylaws

- Emergency Act
- Emergency Bylaw & Plan - Town's
- Council considered local authority - LEMO designated by Council
- SAO emergency coordinator
 - Authorities to developing any plan as well as response
- Council has authority to declare state of emergency

This meeting used to plan in case of emergencies

- Flood - break-up
- Fire - increased risk in recent years

Hazard Identification

- Determine key risk factors
 - Flood & wildfire
- NWT Hazard Risk & Assessment - GNWT updating? No formal plans to update this year
 - Included in Emergency Plan - pg 10, 11
- ECC provides forecast for wildfire season - still on edge of severe drought for the upcoming year
- Typically 3 to 4 year drought cycle - nearing the end of this cycle
- Risks for wildfire due to local vegetation conditions
 - Not as much of a threat for incoming fires
- Water monitoring report from GNWT - levels remain low, below average, but better than last year
- Precipitation forecast below average for 2025
 - Less snow than average
 - Risk of flood quite low
 - More room in basin than in previous years
- Hydrologist coming soon - GNWT
 - Will share info with Town

2025 EMERGENCY PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Capital Projects

- Flood mapping should be completed soon - 100 to 200 yr
 - Be included in plan

- Lift Station #1
 - Being rebuilt
 - Completion in fall of 2025
- Firebreaks
 - Don Wright park
 - Mulched, work to keep vegetation under control
- West Channel
 - Raised Alaska road
 - Raising berm above flood levels
- Airport Road
 - Early stages - preliminary work
 - Designed to protect Cranberry/553
- Climate Adaptation Study
 - Applied for funding
 - Help provide funding for other projects
- Storm Backflow Prevention projects
- FireSmarting various areas
- Update to Community Wildfire Protection Plan
 - Working with ECC to update - they are responsible for the document

Other Organizations/Govts

KFN

- Nothing going on at the moment
- April 7-10 AGM - ask for volunteers in case of emergency
- Only Fire Chief for now
 - Big transition
- Newness of various members acknowledged
- Been working with consultant to replace/repair homes affected by fire
 - Taking most of time

Mutual Aid Agreement being worked on

Looking to work together more in the future

CEP Updates

- Position changes - title changes
 - Any new information to be included
- How set up our management team biggest question
- How can we improve
 - Partner agency agreements
 - Mutual aid agreements (MAA)- GNWT included

Hosting Plan?

- Established agreement with Salvation Army, for instance
- Evacuee support documentation included
 - Two different scenarios contemplated
- Work continuing
 - Partner agency agreements
 - Food services, transportation, accommodation
- Likely Hay River would be asked to host in case of other communities need to evacuate

KFN - where at with agreements?

- Looking at buying heavy equipment, etc
- What need so as to be able to support better?

NWTFCA been working on templates for MAA, resources for all communities

Been working with High Level

- Well established with WUI
- Working on agreement

Draft of CEP to be done next week

- Changes to be brought back to LEMO

2025 Emergency Preparedness activities

- Wildfire and breakup plan
- Communication Plan, etc

Partner Agency Agreements

- Verbal agreements, need to get in writing

CWPP update

Fire Smart Program development and implementation

- Cross training with ECC, KFN
- Attending wildfire conference end of April
- Ensuring equipment compatibility
- Inspections - PSS certified inspector
- Communication strategy
- Strategies to encourage residents to Fire Smart

Sand Bagging Program

Public Preparedness Meetings

Radio Ads

Clear Air/Cooling Centers

- Applied for funding
- In good position information wise, funding the issue - not in budget other than outside funding

RV Camp - Community Camp

Emergency Plan Training

Tabletop Exercises

- Something to look at considering recent events - specifically lockdown scenarios
 - RCMP YK coordinator asked about procedures
 - Good resource to use
 - Local response, not regional
 - Talk to Education - new board
 - Coordinate with them

Community Siren Feasibility

- Got quote for large system - not feasible
- Other system more reasonable
 - Need to firm up quote, to be able to bring to Council
- Need to get into a Report to Council for direction

Training

- LEMO training
- Town Staff
- ICS 300 level
 - Getting group to that level recommended

- GNWT running couple of courses this year
 - Opportunity to piggyback
- Look into setting up for later on in the year

KFN

- Thanks for invitation to meeting
 - Very useful

MACA

- Able to share Wildfire After Action Review?
 - Will get copy sent out

West Point

- Looking for info on Clean Air

Next meeting - in the next couple of weeks

Adjourned at 12:02 pm