

## GREATER SUDBURY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 25, 2012 • 9:00am  
Emergency Operations Centre • Lionel E. Lalonde Centre

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### Present:

Armstrong, Kim – St. Joseph's Health Centre  
Charette, Nicole – Rainbow District School Board  
DeSilva, Tony – CGS Roads and Transportation  
Foucault, Monique – Sudbury CACC  
Henderson, Rick – CGS Roads and Transportation  
Lefebvre, Gilles – CGS ByLaw Services  
Maloney, Tim – Vale (**CHAIR**)  
Moskal, Jayne – Health Sciences North  
Nicholls, Joseph – CGS Emergency Services  
Pilon, Terri – Health Sciences North  
Rondina, Mark – Sudbury and District Health Unit (for Al McDougall)  
Salem, Carolyn – CGS Emergency Management  
Saumur, Dan – Greater Sudbury Housing Corporation  
Schell, Lisa – Sudbury and District Health Unit  
Siemer, Mike - Xstrata  
Sporer, Peter – Xstrata Nickel  
Viitala, Alan – ARES

### Regrets:

Beadman, Tim – CGS Emergency Services  
Benkovich, Nick – CGS Water / Wastewater  
Rancourt, Maurice-Eric – Collège Boréal  
Sajatovic, Paul – Nickel District Conservation Authority  
Spencer, Gail – CGS Social Services

## **Safety Share:**

Tim Maloney encouraged members to remember their personal protective equipment when gardening and landscaping this year. Many injuries occur because people aren't wearing the proper footwear or gloves. It only takes a moment to protect your hands and feet from unnecessary injury this summer.

### **1. Previous meeting minutes corrections, approval – T. Maloney**

Previous Minutes – February 24, 2012 approved.

### **2. Introduction of new panel members – T. Maloney**

Tim Maloney welcomed Lisa Rozon, a public relations co-op student from Cambrian College on placement with the Rainbow District School Board, and Vanessa Keetch, a commerce student at Laurentian University on summer placement with Emergency Management.

### **3. Education Component – North Shore Search & Rescue – Angele Carr, Michelle Matthews, Bill Noon**

Three senior members of North Shore Search and Rescue (NSSAR) informed the panel about the work that their volunteers do in assisting to locate lost individuals. They spoke about what search and rescue is, their operating mandate, and their training and organizational structure. North Shore Search and Rescue is part of the Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association and is one of the largest search and rescue teams in the province. They cover 1200 square miles and serve over 300,000 people. Search and Rescue works in partnership with local emergency authorities to conduct search efforts for lost individuals both in urban and rural areas.

NSSAR also conducts public education programs within local schools to educate children on what to do if they are lost in the woods. NSSAR volunteers are certified and train twice a month on various search and rescue tools and techniques. GPS, map, and compass training is also offered by NSSAR to interested agencies and they partner with Red Cross for first aid, CPR, and emergency response training.

Additional information about North Shore Search and Rescue as well as how to become a member is posted on their website at [www.northshoresearchandrescue.ca/](http://www.northshoresearchandrescue.ca/)

### **4. EMO Update**

John Stothers sent his regrets. No EMO update was available at this meeting.

## 5. Sub-Committee Reports

### a. Pandemic Planning Update – SDHU

The Health Unit reported that they were ramping up for the 2012-13 flu season expected to run from October to March. In comparison to other municipalities, it has been a mild year in Greater Sudbury for flu cases. The Health Unit has updated its response plans based on the latest information received from the Province.

## 6. Emergency Management Activity Report and Public Education – C. Salem

Carolyn Salem updated the panel on Emergency Management's activities over the past quarter.

### BEM

Spaces are still available in the September 20 & 21 and November 1 & 2 BEM courses. Agencies interested in registering their staff for either of these sessions are asked to contact Carolyn.

### CN / CP Dangerous Goods Response Course – May 17, 2012

Emergency Management hosted another successful Dangerous Goods Response Course with CN and CP. Good feedback was received on this course. We will be looking to offer this course every year if possible.

### CANWARN Storm Spotter Training – May 26, 2012

Environment Canada is once again hosting a CANWARN training session in Sudbury on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am – 12:00pm. Agencies interested in registering their staff for this course are asked to contact Peter Kimbell at Environment Canada ([peter.kimbell@ec.gc.ca](mailto:peter.kimbell@ec.gc.ca)). There is no cost associated with this training.

### Exercise Design Course

Emergency Management will be hosting an exercise design course through Emergency Management Ontario on November 7 & 8. This 2 day, in class course would be of benefit for anyone interested in learning how to develop effective exercises. Agencies are reminded that in order to take this course participants must have completed BEM and taken the Online Introduction to Exercise Design course through Emergency Management Ontario's website ([www.emergencymanagementontario.ca](http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca)). Registration for this course is available through Emergency Management Ontario at the website above.

## Events

Emergency Services participated in the Canadian Interoperability Technology Interest Group meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> for North Eastern Ontario responders. The forum was a good opportunity to discuss interoperability techniques used in Greater Sudbury and to learn about upcoming technology advancements in interoperability.

## Incidents

Emergency Management is working with Emergency Management Ontario, Red Cross, and municipalities impacted by the forest fires burning in Northeastern Ontario. Plans to host evacuees in Greater Sudbury are being developed and will be implemented should the need arise.

## Projects

Emergency Management has completed the Community Flood Management Plan and it has been supported by Council. The plan is available on the City website as are the associated flood maps.

Work will begin on a new Forest Fire Response Plan for Greater Sudbury over the summer. It is hoped that this plan will be completed in 2013.

## Exercises

A field exercise to test the Vale Hazardous Material Notification Release Protocol is scheduled to take place in September. An exercise planning group has been formed including representation from Vale, Emergency Management, Fire Services, 911 Dispatch, EMS, Corporate Communications, and the Sudbury and District Health Unit. This exercise will test the Hazardous Material Release Notification Procedure in a realistic scenario, going beyond the communication tests that have been conducted on a quarterly basis to include actual response strategies.

## Public Education

The Emergency Preparedness Month kickoff on May 1 was a great success. Representatives from local morning radio shows including Rich and Gary from EZ Rock and Markus from CBC's Morning North attended the launch at Cyril Varney Public School to participate with the Grade 6 students in an emergency preparedness quiz. The event received great media coverage.

As part of Emergency Preparedness Month, Emergency Management participated in in-studio interviews with the morning show hosts for EZ Rock and Morning North. Interviews were also provided to Eastlink, the Sudbury Star, the Northern Life, and Rewind.

Facebook advertising was placed during EP Week and social media messages were circulated on Facebook and Twitter twice a week for the entire month of May to promote emergency preparedness topics.

In addition to EP Month, a number of presentations have been made over the past few months to a variety of groups including Service Canada, Sudbury Housing, and DiBrina Insurance.

## **7. New Business**

Tim Maloney reported that Vale has successfully moved its alarm test from Fridays to Mondays. The changeover occurred in May and thanks to advanced warning and notification to the public, Vale received very few calls from residents about the changeover. It also served as a great opportunity to provide additional education to residents on the A.C.T. message and how to respond if a chemical release should occur.

**Next Meeting:                    September 28, 2012**  
**Emergency Operations Centre, Azilda**