

GREATER SUDBURY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY PANEL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 10, 2015 • 9:00am
Emergency Operations Centre • Lionel E. Lalonde Centre

Present:

Ahmed, Shelley – CGS Corporate Communications
Beadman, Tim – CGS Emergency Services
Benkovich, Nick – CGS Water/Wastewater
Chokan, Wendy – Finlandia Village
Cote-Veilleux, Lyne – CGS Emergency Social Services
DeSilva, Tony – CGS Roads
De Teresi, Veronica Naaman- Canadian Red Cross
Fortin, Lynn – CGS Emergency Management
Foucault, Monique – CCAC
Giannini, Ted – Canadian Red Cross
Hawkins, Burgess – Sudbury District & Health Unit
Jorgensen, Carl – Conservation Sudbury
Lalonde, Derek – Canadian Blood Services
Lawlor, Brian – Union Gas
Legault, Claude – CGS Administrative Services
Maloney, Tim – Vale
McGaw, Latoya – CGS Emergency Management
Rancourt, Maurice-Eric – College Boreal
Regaudie, Wayne – ARES Sudbury
Roney, Melissa – CGS Emergency Management
Saumur, Dan – Greater Sudbury Housing Corporation
Siemer, Michael – Glencore – Sudbury INO
Spencer, Gail – CGS Social Services
St Marseille, Nicole – Laurentian University

Safety Share:

Tim Maloney reminded the group of the importance of wearing personal protective equipment as required while completing our tasks in the work environment. Tim shared a personal story about his experience while working in the underground mines in Manitoba. In his younger days, Tim recalled his experience of not wearing his personal protective equipment because he thought it made him complete his task quicker without the hassle of feeling uncomfortable. Luckily, he had a coworker that cared about his wellbeing and future. The worker stopped him and told him to put on his personal protective equipment. Tim reminded us of the importance of caring for each other while on the job. Caring for each other is not always a comfortable conversation.

1. Previous meeting minutes corrections, approval – Tim Maloney

December 5, 2014 approved.

2. Introduction of new panel members – Tim Maloney

Tim welcomed new member Robert Walz from CGS Risk Management. Rob attended in the absence of Melissa Gaskin who is on maternity leave.

New member Shelley Amhed from CGS Corporate Communications was also introduced. Shelley attended in the absence of Eliza Bennett.

Melissa Roney was introduced to the committee as the new Manager of Emergency Management & Professional Standards. Melissa is replacing Lynn Fortin.

Education Component – Frozen Services

Nick Benkovich, Director, Water/Wastewater, CGS

Cheryl Beam, Supervisor, Water/Wastewater, CGS

Melissa Roney, Manager, Emergency Management & Professional Standards, CGS

Lyne Cote_Veilleux, Coordinator, Community Initiatives & Quality Assurance, CGS

The group provided an overview of the Frozen Services emergency the City had experienced last winter. With the unusual flooding experienced in the fall, the City received a dramatic increase in the number of frozen services. The Water/Wastewater team provided an overview of the process and activities delivered by the department to restore services to the community.

Emergency Management provided an overview of the coordination that was done to assist the Water/Wastewater team once its Emergency Response Plan was activated. The Emergency Operations Centre was activated to enhanced monitoring mode and staff from across the corporation made daily wellness checks to residents experiencing frozen services. Residents that were identified as vulnerable and/or experiencing extenuating circumstances were referred to Emergency Social Services.

Emergency Social Services also played a key role in ensuring that citizens with extenuating circumstances as well as vulnerable residents needs were met. Water was provided to residents that were unable to retrieve services from the municipal filling sites or attend the comfort stations that were established.

3. OFMEM Update – Roger Lord, Field Officer

Nothing to report.

4. Sub-Committee Reports

a) Pandemic Planning Update –SDHU

No report at this time.

5. Emergency Management Activity Report – Melissa Roney

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

Emergency Management Activities:

- Radio Project- P25 system
- WebEOC Programming and Training for EOC Support Staff
- GSERV- Planning for training session - June 6th and Nov 21st
- Emergency Social Services Plan
- Emergency Citizen Centre Inquiry Plan
- Vale Tailings Dam Emergency Management Plan
- Send Word Now, process development
- CCG annual exercise planning
- EM Orientation for New CGS Councillors
- EMPCA Compliance
- Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week
- Frozen Services
- Host Community presentation by OFMEM
- Emergency Management Program orientation for new Paramedic Services Platoon Superintendents

Public Education

- Greater Sudbury Watershed Alliance- Living with Lakes
- Jubilee Heritage Family Centre in partnership with Paramedic Services
- St John's Parish Church

Courses

BEM: November 19 & 20, 2015

CANWARN: May 23, 2015

Agencies interested in registering their staff for BEM & CANWARN are asked to contact Melissa Roney.

Tim Beadman, GM of Health, Social and Emergency Services and Tim Maloney, Chairman of Greater Sudbury's Emergency Management Advisory Panel (GSEMAP) expressed their appreciation for the years of dedication Lynn Fortin, Co-ordinator of Special Operations has given to the committee. Lynn's hard work and dedication to the Emergency Management Program at the City of Greater Sudbury has helped to develop and implement strategic initiatives to protect the public in times of emergency and educate citizens on how to be prepared for emergencies at the individual and family level.

Lynn Fortin retired April 30th 2015.

Next Meeting: September 11, 2015 Emergency Operations Centre, Azilda