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**Initial Observations** 

# EM, Fire Rescue Service, Public Safety

Regional Capacity

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## A way forward

## Emergency Management



- **PREPARE**
- MITIGATE
- **RESPOND**
- **\*** RECOVER

Due to limited local capacity, I suggest the following:

- Train with regional partners
- Enter into an EM mutual aid agreement with neighbouring communities
- Build capacity by incorporating Council and engage citizens
- Establish a regional Emergency Operations Centre and explore optional facilities

## **Immediate next Steps**

## Emergency Management



- Establish an EM bylaw to guide and oversee the program
- Incorporate all public safety activities into the EM program (Fire/Rescue, Police, Ambulance, VOL operations, Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Teams, Health Authority)
- Adopt an emergency plan to guide response and recovery activities
- Deliver ongoing personal preparedness public information campaign
- Commit to participating in tabletop exercises, on a quarterly basis

### **Current Status**

## Fire and Rescue Service



- Dedicated volunteers
- Basic equipment already in place (although limited type of services offered)
- No formal training program has been established or recorded, therefor some activities may not be WorkSafe compliant
- MTSA's with neighbouring communities have expired however services still expected
- Temporary fire apparatus storage yet to be adopted/utilized

### Immediate next steps

## Fire and Rescue Service



- Council to formally declare a level of service standard (exterior, interior, full service)
- Implement Office of the Fire Commissioner minimum training standards
- Designate a Fire Chief, or rotational Chiefs
- Allow fire and rescue members access to each new building in order to create pre-fire plans (not a fire inspection)
- Publicly acknowledge the commitment of the volunteers (this will help with retention and ongoing recruitment