



Staff Report

Report Title: Emergency Management and Health and Safety May 2023 Summary

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Department: Fire & Emergency Services

Date: Jun. 5, 2023

Report Number: FIRE-2023-06-23

File Number: C11-FIRE-23

Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report Number FIRE-2023-06-23, prepared by Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator-CEMC.

Background:

This report provides an update of Emergency Management and Health and Safety activities.

Discussion:

Emergency Management

Emergency Preparedness Week was May 7-13. Daily public education was posted on social media, activity sheets were provided to Lucknow and Ripley Public Schools and a cottage and RV emergency preparedness checklist was shared with cottage associations, camp grounds and trailer parks.

The Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator received two special event applications in May and continues to work with event organizers to ensure Special Event Permit requirements are met.

The Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator was invited to attend the Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh annual exercise to participate as an observer/evaluator. The full-scale exercise was in partnership with Snobelen Farms Dungannon Elevator.

Health & Safety

As of June 1, 2023 the Occupational Health and Safety Act requires workplaces with a risk of employee opioid overdose to provide naloxone. Staff have completed a risk assessment for each location and determined there is no risk at this time.

Training: Emergency Services/ Health and Safety Coordinator continues to meet with departments monthly completing Safety Tailgate training on internal policies, procedures, and applicable Safety Data Sheets (SDS). New employees have been assigned orientation training to complete.

Inspections: Regular monthly inspections were completed at Township facilities. A group inspection was completed at the Huron-Landfill with the Huron-Kinloss committee. A group inspection was also completed with the Lucknow & District Fire Department committee.

Incident Reporting: There were no incidents in May.

Joint Health and Safety Committee: The Township of Huron-Kinloss committee met in May.

Updated or Created Policies and Procedures: SOP ALL 51 Sick Animal, SOP ALL 52 Tree Cutting, SOP ALL 53 Safe Arrival and Departure, SOP ALL 54 Wheel Trimmer

COVID-19

Township staff continue to monitor COVID-19 and will make any necessary adjustments to services if and when required. Ill staff use the provincial screening tool to determine self isolation requirements.

Grey Bruce Public Health is currently reporting no local facilities in outbreak status [Outbreaks \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](https://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca)

The Grey Bruce Public Health Weekly vaccine schedule can be viewed here [Weekly Vaccine Schedule \(publichealthgreybruce.on.ca\)](https://publichealthgreybruce.on.ca) Residents can also contact local pharmacies for vaccine availability and scheduling. For the latest information visit [COVID-19 vaccines | ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca).

Financial Impacts:

To comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, as well as Regulations under the Act, and other Acts, and to keep workers safe on the job, health and safety is an ongoing expense included in the operating budget.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator- CEMC

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer