

The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Emergency Management Summary May 2024

Date: Jun. 3, 2024 Report Number: FIR-2024-06-13

Department: Fire & Emergency Services File Number: C11 FIRE 24

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

Attachments: None

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report FIR-2024-06-13 prepared by Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/Health & Safety Coordinator-CEMC.

Background:

This report provides an update of Emergency Management activities.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

Special Events

Two special event applications have been received in May:

Lucknow's Music In The Fields August 22-24, 2024 Point Clark Fire Works June 29, 2024 7:00pm-11:00pm

Staff are currently reviewing the application and documentation submitted.

Municipal Annual Emergency Exercise

On May 2nd the Township of Huron-Kinloss along with Municipality of South Bruce, Municipality of Kincardine, Municipality of Brockton and the County of Bruce joined together in a joint exercise. The scenario was a heat wave and derecho. The exercise practiced primary and alternate emergency operations centre members calling others in the exercise to test communication methods, requests for assistance and mutual aid. Bruce Sector Field Officers from Emergency Management Ontario were present for a portion of the exercise to observe and answer any additional questions that arose.

Trillium Venture Military Exercise

The joint exercise on May 2nd lead into the Trillium Venture exercise planned by the Canadian Armed Forces from May 3rd-5th. Over 800 Military Reservists traveled to Huron and Bruce Counties to participate in the training exercise. Training included

search and rescue, chainsaw use, wildfire fighting, and deploying to the area including setting up camps, cooking and relying on military resources.

Various residents in Lucknow were selected to participate in wellness checks. These checks were to simulate Reservists, accompanied by the OPP, going door to do during an emergency to check on the well being of residents and to provide assistance to anyone who may need it. During the simulated wellness check, general emergency preparedness information and checklists were distributed. Staff participated in the Trillium Venture exercise by observing various training, simulations and key leader engagement briefing.

Residents were notified of the Trillium Venture exercise via HK Connects, Mennonite newsletter, newspaper ads, posters posted around the community, digital sign boards, website news and social media posts.

EP Week/ Be ready workshop

Emergency preparedness week was May 5-11. A variety of topics were shared online encouraging people to create a plan and 72 hr emergency kit. A poster was also created and delivered to a variety of local stores encouraging people to shop local while they build their 72 hr emergency kit. Bruce County Public Library in partnership with the Red Cross hosted Be Ready workshops. The Lucknow library held a session on May 10th inviting residents to learn about emergency preparedness. Staff were in attendance to answer questions about local response and preparedness.

Financial Impacts:

There is no financial impact or budget implications associated with this report.

Performance Measurement:	
N/A	
Strategic Area:	
☐ Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle ☐ Prepare for Inclusive Growth	☑ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery☐ Ensure Financial Stability
Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being	

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

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