



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Emergency Services & Health and Safety Summary October 2025**

**Date: Nov. 3, 2025**

**Report Number: FIR-2025-23**

**Department: Fire and Emergency Services**     **File Number: C11 FIR 25**

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

**Attachments: None**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report FIR-2025-23 prepared by Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator-CEMC.

#### **Background:**

This report provides a summary of emergency management and health and safety activities in October 2025.

On September 17, 2025 the Ontario Government announced The Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) is again open for applications. CEPG provides funding to help communities and organizations purchase emergency supplies, equipment and services, such as: chain saws, generators, sandbag machines, training delivery and education and exercise planning and coordination ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000, supporting local efforts to protect Ontario by enhancing readiness and response capabilities.

#### **Discussion/Analysis/Overview:**

##### Emergency Management

##### *Annual Exercise*

Staff and the Mayor participated in the annual emergency exercise on October 16. The exercise was jointly conducted with Bruce County and other municipalities. The scenario began 48 hours into a provincial wide power outage leading to fuel shortages. The focus of Huron-Kinloss inputs were related agricultural, local fuel supply and telecommunications capabilities. Two staff representatives from the Ontario Federation of Agriculture attended as resources to the emergency operations centre. The exercise fostered collaboration and communication amongst neighbouring communities as well as staff learning opportunity to provide a greater understanding of agricultural needs.

### *Community Emergency Preparedness Grant*

Staff have submitted an application for the 2025 community emergency preparedness grant. The application included Mental Health First aid and emergency management training for staff and support for exercise design. Response for applicants will be shared in February 2026.

### Health & Safety

Staff participated in presentations from the Canadian Mental Health Association. Topics of the presentation included Mental Health 101, Having Difficult Conversations and local statistics and resources relating to mental health.

### **Financial Impacts:**

All costs are within the approved operating budget.

### **Performance Measurement:**

N/A

### **Strategic Area:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance Municipal Service Delivery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability                    |

### **Strategic Goal: Strive for continuous improvement and increased efficiency**

### **Respectfully Submitted By:**

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

### **Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer