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Regular meeting of the Port Clements Emergency Committee
Thursday April 15th, 2010

AGENDA

1. ADOPT AGENDA
 2. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & OPENING OF SEALED TENDERS
 3. MINUTES
M-1-Minutes February 18th, 2010.
 4. BUSINESS ARISING.
BA-1-Wildfire Protection Plan-Ruby Saunders RPF.
 5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.
C-1-PEP Emergency Radio Communications Plan Northwest Region 2010. (copy on table).
C-2-Northern Health-News release advising vigilance around measles.
 6. NEW BUSINESS.
 7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS.
- ADJOURNMENT.

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Port Clements Emergency Committee February 18th, 2010
Port Clements Council Chambers

Present:

Pete Nelson-Smith
Terry Mitchell
Grant McDonald
Late arrival Jamie Delves 7:50pm

Cara Johnson
Chris Marrs

Debbie Delves-Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

1. ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Pete Nelson-Smith, seconded by Cara Johnson to adopt the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED.

2. MINUTES

M-1-It was moved by Pete Nelson-Smith, seconded by Roy Woolverton to accept the Minutes of Dec 17th, 2009 as amended.

CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

BA-1-Animal Emergency Preparedness – Reviewed from and will add date of submission as well as date prepared to send out to households with the Village utility billings for February. Will send out Emergency Preparedness and contact list. Will have printable forms in PDF form for view on the website.

It was moved by Pete Nelson-Smith, seconded by Chris Marrs to revise forms as noted and include in utility billing for February 2010.

CARRIED.

BA-2-Encourage committee members to take on-line for emergency training.

Receive and file for further information.

CARRIED.

BA-3-Emergency kits will be stored in the Fire hall storage room, Jamie Delves will bring home excess blankets from Vet clinic.

CARRIED.

5. ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE.

C-1-Northwest Emergency Program Training. EM 180 March 25th, 2010 in Terrace.

Receive and file for more information.

6. NEW BUSINESS.

NB-1-Jamie Delves has been registered for the Noah's Wish Animal Emergency course June 5 & 6th, 2010 in Quesnel, BC.

7. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS.

Terry Mitchell-H1N1 update, people must be diligent as the next wave of flu will most likely hit this spring.


Pete Nelson-Smith-Confined space course March 22nd, 2010 through the Port Clements Volunteer Fire Department, Public Works from QC, Masset and Skidegate will be attending. Possible location for course will be held in Skidgate as they have manholes to practice in.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Pete Nelson-Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Next meeting scheduled for March 18th, 2010.

Terry Mitchell
Chair



Debbie Delves
Administrative Assistant

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
April 8, 2010

Northern Health advising vigilance around measles

Northern Health is asking health-care professionals and the public to be alert for potential cases of measles after a number of people in the province were recently diagnosed with the disease.

There have been no cases of measles in northern BC in the last several years.

According to the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), in the past three weeks 26 laboratory-confirmed cases of measles have been identified in B.C. Of those, 22 occurred in the Lower Mainland, including one case in an out-of-province visitor. Several cases were the result of the first B.C. cases spreading the infection to others.

In the Interior, three cases of measles, including one in a resident returning from travel to India, have been confirmed in the same time period in communities around Vernon, Lillooet and Williams Lake. There has also been one additional case on Vancouver Island.

Health care providers are reminded that measles is a reportable condition which requires immediate notification to public health. Physicians should be alert to measles if they see kids or adults with a rash, fever, cough and sore eyes.

Children and adults who have had two doses of measles vaccine (MMR) are immune, as are those born before 1957 who very likely had childhood measles. Individuals without such protections should contact their doctor or nearest public health unit to arrange to be vaccinated as soon as possible.

Measles is very contagious and can be a severe illness in those lacking previous exposure to the disease or without adequate immunizations. Among the most serious potential complications is brain inflammation (encephalitis), which occurs in approximately one in 1,000 cases. Other complications like pneumonia are common. Measles can cause brain damage, blindness, deafness and approximately one in 3,000 cases are fatal.

Northern Health and the BCCDC recommend the following:

- Kids or adults with fever, cough and red eyes should stay home from school or work to reduce spread to others, whatever virus is causing their illness
- Call your physician or care provider as soon as you develop a red blotchy rash that starts on head, neck and shoulders and then spreads to cover their entire body
- Before going to a doctor's office or walk-in clinic, it is advisable to call ahead to identify yourself as possibly having measles, so you may be put in an isolation room right away. This will avoid spreading the virus to others in the waiting room
- If you need to go to a hospital or the ER, you will call ahead and self-identify upon arriving there so similar precautions can be taken
- All suspect measles cases should be reported to Public Health immediately, usually by your attending physician

