ALL ISLAND EMERGENCY PLANNING MEETING RECAP

THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2015 3:30PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – VILLAGE OF PORT CLEMENTS

Attending: Kim Mushynsky (Village of Port Clements EPC), Robert Ells (Sandspit EPC & Transportation Canada), Sue Couch (Village of Port Clements ESS), Marilyn Bliss (Village of Port Clements ESS), John Short (Masset Northern Health), Trevor Jarvis (Village of Masset EPC), Lori Wiedeman (Village of Queen Charlotte EPC), Larry Duke (Village of Queen Charlotte EPC), Corinne Precourt (Sandspit EPC), Manzanita Snow (Village of Port Clements ESS), Margaret Fennell (Village of Port Clements ESS), Stephan Druin (Masset RCMP), Ryan Brown (Village of Port Clements EPC), Aaron Cunningham (Village of Port Clements EPC)

EPC – stands for Emergency Planning Committee

Invited but unable to attend: Eileen Hayles (Old Massett Health Centre), Karen Mellor (SQCRD CAO), Chris Ashurst (Tow Hill Representative and Coast Guard Auxiliary), Lisa Kendall (Skidegate Health Centre), Cecil Brown (Old Massett Village Council), Harmonie Blais (Port Clements BCAS), Don Smillie (Port Clements BCAS), Maurie Hurst (Terrace – EMBC Northwest).

Suggested to be invited to the next meeting: Mike Racz (SQCRD Area D Representative), Mike Richardson (Tlell Fire Department)

Attendees introduced themselves and identified what organization they belonged to. Each organization was then allowed some time to explain what they were currently working on and what their priorities were for 2015. There was some general discussion on what value a committee of this nature may be and on whether we should continue with future meetings. The following are items of general consensus that came out of the meeting:

* We should hold meetings twice per year – once in November to plan an island wide training schedule for the following year and then notify EMBC accordingly and once in April/May to plan a training event to hold either as an all island event or that rolls from community to community.
* We should try and get EOC Essentials annually as this is the back-bone for other EMBC courses.
* We should notify people at least 3 months in advance of training dates so that they can plan for staffing so people can attend.
* We should consider including youth representation in our groups
* We should determine whether membership in BC Association for Emergency Managers is a worthwhile resource to become associated with.
* We should determine if the entire island can be considered as one group for the $3500/year fee for the mass notification system that Queen Charlotte is currently investigating and if so if this is a worthwhile financial investment.
* We should create a contact list and update it at each meeting (done and attached to this recap).

Next meeting is therefore planned for November 2015 and we can decide the actual date and hosting community closer to the date. The Village of Port Clements has offered to be a permanent host and keeper of documents if that is the groups’ wish.