

All Island Emergency Planning Meeting

Notes from November 17, 2016 Meeting held in Tlell Provincial Park office from 1-2:30pm

Attending:

Chris Ashurst, Marilyn Bliss, Aaron Cunningham, Kim Mushynsky, Lori Wiedeman, Shelley Termuende

1. Introductions
2. Review of May 30, 2016 Meeting Recap
3. Island Wide Training Schedule for 2017/18 year:
 - a. We agreed on the following three courses for Haida Gwaii – EOC Basics, EOC Logistics and Emergency Evacuations – further, we will feed the information gathered from our evacuation exercise planned for all island for April 2017 to the instructor for the Emergency Evacuation course so that hopefully they can build the knowledge learned from our local exercise into their scenario and training and enhance our local knowledge. Kim will advise Maurie Hurst of our training wishes for 2017/18.

The following are upcoming training/events:

Planning for Community Disaster Recovery – Saturday Jan. 21/17 – Port Clements
ESS Site Management – Saturday Feb. 18/17 – Port Clements
High Ground Hike – all communities invited to participate – week of April 9, 2017

4. Youth Representative
Shelley Termuende's engagement work with Youth is on-going. It was suggested that each community/area identify one youth to encourage to take part in EOC Basics Training when that course becomes available next year
5. Standardization and/or sharing of Forms
Shelley Termuende will work with Kim on setting up an All Island Emergency Planning "Drop Box" account where documents can be stored/reviewed/alterd and discussed. The thought behind this is to save communities from reinventing the wheel when one community has a form or procedure that might be applicable/useful for other communities.
6. Check in by attendants
Lori Wiedeman updated us on the Tsunami Pole project for which an intern will begin work November 21, the Province will make an announcement about the project on November 22 and the target is to have the project completed by April 8, in time for the Hike to High Ground event island wide in 2017. **Lori is looking for an individual from each community to be part of the steering committee for the Tsunami Pole painting project. Each community to forward a name to her ASAP.**

Chris Ashurst updated on the two notification systems he uses (One Call & Connect Rocket) and will distribute a written report electronically. From discussion generated on this it looks like One Call may be a good alternative for the entire Island – the Regional District pays for this feature for the unincorporated areas of Haida Gwaii. He also updated on funding and projects in the works for the Archipelago Search & Rescue and Masset Marine Rescue in regards to vehicle and vessel acquisitions.

Marilyn Bliss and Aaron Cunningham updated on a very generous donation of emergency food donated to Port Clements Emergency program. Marilyn will be inventorying it and organizing it by expiry date but at quick glance it looks like the shelf lives of the products range from 15-35 years. There is enough food for approximately 1000 meals and there is great variety including spices, breakfast foods, meat, vegetables, fruits, desserts etc.

Kim Mushynsky reported that someone from Natural Resources Canada will be in Port Clements early in the new year to test some seismic equipment.

7. Emergency Notifications System update – see under Chris Ashurst in #6 Check in
8. Contact List Update – was reviewed by participants and an updated list will be included with these notes.
9. Next host community for April/May 2017 meeting.
Lori Wiedeman offered to host the next meeting. We also decided to go with teleconference as the format to hopefully enable more participants to attend.