



# National Municipal ESS Network

**May 4, 2010**  
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**On Call: Janine Aussem (ESSA), John Webb (Nova Scotia), Tracy Newton (Kingston), Luana Kaleikini (Revelstoke), Ken Hoffer (Calgary), Jodi DeNoble (Peterborough), Terry Johnson (New Brunswick), Linda Bouchard (PHAC), Lisa Maxan (Fredericton)**

Regrets: Jackie Kloosterboer (Vancouver), Steve LaRochelle (Kitchener-Waterloo), Sue Ritchie (Peel), Gail Spencer (Sudbury), Wendy Hayko (York), Elaine Smyer (Toronto), Ron Fortier (Manitoba), Sara Walsh (Victoria), Pauline Hopley (Durham)

## **Agenda:**

1. Review April CC Minutes
2. EPR Forum
3. CESSD & NMESSN Meeting
4. Round Table

## **Review of April Minutes**

- Add Jodi DeNoble as attending the call
- Accepted with the above noted changes.

## **EPR Forum**

- The forum will be held in Fredericton the week of October 13, 14. NMESSN will approach Cathy Bulych to see if NMESSN members could attend the forum. A letter will be forwarded to Cathy and Linda identifying who would be most appropriate to attend.

## **CESSD & NMESSN Meeting**

- The CESSD and NMESSN groups will attend a joint meeting. The meetings could be scheduled on the 12<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>. An email will be distributed to see if the executive members are a priority. There is a need to determine who is working on what and what type of information sharing is happening. There is also a need to determine how to proceed with rationale for funding.
- Face-to-face meetings: Dynamics with PHAC, changing of the guards. Significant transition in the Directorship of PHAC.

## **Roundtable**

- **Janine (ESSA)** – The ESSA conference is being held on May 29<sup>th</sup>, it would be great if anyone from the other provinces could attend.
- **Ken (Calgary)** – The Alberta Disaster Social Services Network had a meeting last week and the CESSD rep attended. Currently working on developing a strategic plan to align training opportunities and



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provincial funding for consistent DSS training throughout the province. Recovery and community support is the goal. Looking at an ICS model and require the training to back it.

- **John (Nova Scotia)** – Pandemic debrief. Flood season wasn't so bad, enough rain to keep fires away and enough good weather to keep floods away. Red Cross, which provides response, are building capacity to ensure they have enough people trained. Since they were given the mandate to do that in 2000, they have consistently improved. ICS training is being implemented through a group in Massachusettes. JIBC training was identified as being too expensive. Pandemic plan to assist with volunteer coordination in a pandemic. Red Cross plan to help in vaccination centres, so Red Cross would not be able to support volunteer coordination. ESS had been tasked with supply delivery to our department's stakeholders. (No news is good news)
- **Luana (Revelstoke)** – Provincial review on Turbo Bowl avalanche – where 200 spectators/participants were impacted including 2 fatalities of participants in the competition (snowmobilers). Heli pad for the local airport, capacity/responsibility of Search and Rescue (SAR). ID some local issues. BC Ambulance/Hospital staff could not hot load the casualties.
- **Tracy (Kingston)** – 401 accident – which closed the highway for 5 hours for repair/investigation. Parking structure collapse in one hotel, no casualties – LUCKY! Some training on accessible customer service standards for the Reception Centre taking place May 7. Tracey will forward training materials for sharing. Reception/Evacuation Centers – in different municipalities do you publish where your designated RC's will be or retain this information until an event?
- **Linda (PHAC)** – Busy planning some face to face meetings
- **Jody (Peterborough)** – One significant event in last month. Bridge Fire, CP rail/road historic wood bridge set on fire by a youth. Only road into a community of about 100 homes which is otherwise surrounded by water. Using a community bike path bridge for vehicle traffic in the interim while the other bridge is repaired. There was no need to evacuate but suggested anyone in their homes shelter in place to avoid the smoke. Provided information on a door to door campaign to review issues associated with this temporary change in transportation. Traffic management was an ongoing issue. The bike path was already approved for vehicle traffic for maintenance and emergency issues.
- **Terry/Lisa (New Brunswick)** – No incidence of flood, now focusing on wildfire/interface fire events. Port Elgin Storm surge resulted in significant loss to homes/structures. Social assistance possibilities are being explored. How is social assistance being provided? (Where DFA doesn't kick in, there are various provincial and municipal programs which can support these people in dealing with recovery. Communication between ministry offices and programs is critical.) Peterborough created a waiver for evacuees so personal information/contact information could be made available to other agencies in support of the recovery issue.

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