



National Municipal ESS Network

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Regrets: **Pauline Hopley (Durham Region), Jodi Chittick Denoble (Peterborough), Tracey Newton (Kingston)**

Agenda:

- Newsletter
- Olympics Update
- H1N1 Update
- Responses
- Next Call time/date

H1N1 Update

- John Webb reports that in Nova Scotia people are making many inquiries on protocol
- The news reports that the doctors are being asked to increase their hours and make time for H1N1 patients and potential patients
- If people are finalizing pandemic plans, please share
- If there is anything you want posted on the website, pandemic plans or links to information please send to Janine

Olympics Update

- Military has arrived and begun to set up for security. The RCMP will be heading up the security.
- Planners are setting up 2 regional group lodging teams in case of emergency
- The province have supplied funds for training (JIBC and Red Cross)
- Unsure if the group lodging will be staffed round the clock during the entire Olympics. Janine will follow up with Jackie in Vancouver and report back. Jackie reported back that No they will not be staffing a group lodging site around the clock.

Newsletter

- The next newsletter should go out very soon. A few articles have been received but we need about 2 articles at this point. Please send articles to Janine.
- The latest issue (newsletter 3) needs to be posted to the website
- Ideas of what to add: list of members and bio's of the executive members or possibility the membership letter and information to promote for January's membership drive
- Promoting training would be a good inclusion
- Posting any pandemic links in the website

Round Table

- York Region – Wendy Hayko:
 - August 20th tornado in Vaughn which impacted 600 homes
 - Huge learning experience. There were 2 reception centres set up for the first three days and then they transitioned to more of an information and referral centre for the duration.



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- Did work with Red Cross for referral. Update for clothing, transportation and food mostly. Also referrals to community programs as well as a lot of child care issues. Some financial aid through Red Cross and Ontario Social Services funding
- Many people lost their homes and jobs in the same turn. Some people didn't have insurance, but most did. In the first 3 weeks there were no lodging requests. For the first week there was a community bbq held every night. Huge community support during this event.

Next Conference Call:

Tuesday, November 3 – 11:30AM PST/2:30PM EST

Conference Call Coordinates:

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