



# REGIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

**Thursday, January 21, 2015**

**ACRD Boardroom**

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<b>PRESENT:</b>	Russell Dyson	ACRD Chief Administrative Officer
	Dan Holder	Emergency Coordinator
	Maggie Hodge Kwon	Emergency Assistant
	Pam Craig	Acting ACRD Director Beaver Creek
	Al Winney	Arrowsmith Amateur Radio Club
	Denis Sauve	City of Port Alberni
	Guy Cicon	City of Port Alberni
	Penny Cote	ACRD Director Sproat Lake
	Wes Patterson	Deputy Fire Chief, Port Alberni Fire Department
	Tim Pley	City of Port Alberni
	Dave Paddock	RCMP
	Laurie L'Heureux	City of Port Alberni
	Dave Wiwichar	The Peak
	Linda Myers	Bamfield Community Emergency Coordinator
	Dave Hewson	Hupacasath First Nation
	Lisa Gallic	Tseshaht First Nation
	Larry Cross	Catalyst Paper
	Mike Riddalls	AV Search and Rescue
	Mike Sparrow	Cherry Creek Volunteer Fire Department
	Mike Cann	Sproat Lake Volunteer Fire Department
	Mike Carter	Port Alberni Port Authority
	Bob Barteaux	ESS
	Amelia Vos	Huu ay aht First Nation
	Shelli Lyle	ACRD
	Kirk Heaven	Vancouver Fire Department
	Kevin Main	Vancouver Fire Department
	Mike Kokura	ACRD Director Beaufort
	Pam Reardon	IH
	Stephanie Bruvall	IH
	Guy Cicon	City of Port Alberni
	Bruce Patterson	BC Ambulance
	Greg Roe	SD70
	Tara Laycock	BC Hydro

Jim Norlock  
Monty Horton  
Brad Boyden

Ministry of FLNR  
Uchucklesaht Tribe Government

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.

The CAO recognized the meeting was held on the Traditional Territories of the Hupacasath and Tseshaht First Nations.

**2. INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions were conducted around the table. Guests Kevin Main and Kirk Heaven from Vancouver Fire Department were in attendance.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*MOVED: P. Cote*

*SECONDED: M. Sparrow*

*THAT the minutes of the Regional Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting held November 19, 2015 meeting be approved*

**CARRIED**

**4. REPORTS**

a. Emergency Update

Dan Holder explained the ECR preparations are underway, a tentative staff duties list for the EOC has been completed. A media workshop was held on January 14<sup>th</sup> at EMBC, EOC Essentials training will be held January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> in the ACRD Boardroom, it is fully subscribed and have a waitlist. February 1<sup>st</sup> a Mass Casualty workshop will be held, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 training sessions will be offered concerning Finance. February 11<sup>th</sup> Connect Rocket representatives will be on site to get the system up and running.

b. ESS Recruitment

Dan Holder explained on January 12<sup>th</sup> Red Cross held a recruitment meeting for ESS volunteers, 21 members from the community attended, followed up with Red Cross and there are 5 that are registering to become ESS spokespeople. Another public meeting will be held at the ACRD on February 4<sup>th</sup> to deliver another recruitment session, the ultimate goal is 12+ ESS spokespeople. The Red Cross ESS training will be held February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

c. Exercise Coastal Response

Russell Dyson explained the planning and preparation for the ECR has advanced.

There will be a meeting with the AV Committee to start to look at resources and capacity to respond to the event and finalize in the next couple weeks. With the event being held here the Province is offering training this will help to build our capacity and base to respond. Media attention will reflect on what worked well and what didn't, it will become evident what is lacking (2<sup>nd</sup> alternative to leaving the valley, bridges needing upgrades, etc.)

d. ECR Media Communications

Jake Martens and Maggie Hodge Kwon are the leads for the ECR communications. Currently looking at different ideas for expanding. Maggie explained a comprehensive 10 page plan was put together from EMBC. The plan is to use this to increase peoples personal preparedness, get the information out using social media, and use traditional communication (The Peak Radio Station, Newspapers, TV), and community outreach and events such as Bulldog games. Dave Wiwachar suggested meeting with Jake, Maggie to find out their needs are.

e. Bamfield 1<sup>st</sup> Responder

Amelia Vos explained there is an identified lack of emergency medical services in Bamfield, with the recent changes to helicopter regulations the problem has escalated. Bamfield Fire Department has no interest in becoming the 1<sup>st</sup> responder. Training sessions are being organized for March and will be fully funded. Working on SOP's with the assistance of Dan. Mike Horton stated Kildonan is interested in this training.

f. BC Hydro Dam Safety and Community Evacuation Map

Tara Laycock reviewed BC Hydro Dam Safety and the Campbell river Community Evacuation brochure as an example of what this could look like for the ACRD and asked if the group to decide if this is a worthwhile project. The map reinforces the areas of where to stay out of until the dam can be assessed, could build a table that shows the water rise and the times.

g. December Flooding Update

Dan Holder Emergency Coordinator gave a brief summary explaining the discussions that took place daily snapshots, river watch, predictions. There was an advance sandbagging station at Beaver Creek Fire Department where volunteer's filled sandbags in preparation of flooding, meetings were held with TFN to lend support.

Lisa Gallic Tseshaht First Nation explained they opened their EOC at a Level 1 and then became a Level 2 based on the Chief Councilors decision. Four truckloads of sand were used and 4500 sand bags prepared. The EOC was open 24 hours for 2 ½ days, this was a precautionary measure as the TFN was caught off guard last year. Overall was good practice as this was the first time the EOC was set up.

h. February Bulldogs Game Plans

Opportunity to promote emergency preparedness at the Bulldogs game on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Any ideas or want to be involved connect via email to promote the ECR.

### Round Table Reports

Larry Cross Catalyst Paper reported there was improved water level forecasting, more shared information this past flood situation.

Jim Norlock FLNRO asked if the committee saw any value where the forestry department could contribute and reported they have a large building that could be used for lodging

Dave Paddock RCMP reported during the power outage their generator worked.

AV Search and Rescue reported a training class of 16 new members is underway; AV Search and Rescue will have 40-45 members with 4 or 5 on the waitlist. The new boat will be operational in a month.

Bob Barteaux reported he has been an ESS volunteer for 8 years and will retire.

Mike Cann SLVFD reported holding a strategic planning session Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mike Carter PAPA reported emergency response plans have been updated.

Al Winney AV Radio Club reported the trailer is functional, continuing with training, submitting a grant to replace radios and computers, 35 Hamm radio operators in the valley that are active with 148 call signs in the valley.

Dave Hewson HFN reported an exercise is planned on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Greg Roe reported SD70 facilities will be used during the ECR, also their transportation and students for an element of realism, a derelict bus will be used for performing extractions.

Bruce Patterson reported BC Ambulance lost the ability to land a helicopter in Bamfield and there is now a huge time delay. Working on 1<sup>st</sup> Responders with Amelia Vos, the Consultant has identified 5 options that will be submitted to IH. Critical response unit trailer in temporary storage at Alberni Towing, AV Rescue Squad is looking at finding a chunk of land to house it. Stated it would be good to store both trailers in a secure location (Critical Response and Radio Club).

Amelia Vos Huu ay aht First Nation reported 47% of the population participated in shake out. HFN be looking for critical incident stress training.

Guy Cicon City of Port Alberni reported currently preparing and training for the event coming

up, determining staff members to be involved.

Lisa Gallic Tseshaht First Nation waiting for the siren received the design of the tsunami signs, proofing them, there will be one at the market and one at the administration office.

Tara Laycock BC Hydro reported they are keen to get moving on a coastal response plans, makes sense to leverage what the community is doing, we are in a holding pattern at this point, keep them in the loop.

Denis Sauve reported PA City Council is focusing awareness on emergency kit.

Dave Wiwihar reported our airwaves are your airwaves.

Penny Cote reported there are continued slides on Dog Mountain, discussion with BC Coastal Fire regarding an emergency community engagement.

Pam Craig reported attending this meeting on behalf of Director McNabb, she attended the shake out at Ucluelet Elementary School, and the kids are ready.

Monty Horton Uchucklesaht Tribe Government reported they have recently developed a community emergency plan, with the assistance of consultant Robert Black. The community preparedness plan is in place and every member has a copy of it, there is a nurse's station in Kildonan, and there is emergency signage in the village. They do have concerns regarding float homes.

Linda Myers via teleconference reported Bamfield uses traditional visuals for public awareness and education, working with fire department to get information out to the community. On Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> they will commemorate the 1700 mega quake.

#### Action Items

Training, training, training

Bulldogs game February 20th

BC Ambulance needs a contact listing - Dan Holder

7. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.
8. Next meeting will be held Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30 pm.