

A meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held at the Community Hall on Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Members present were Mayor Denny Cogswell, CAO Linda Sullivan-Brown, Mike Gerrits, Marion St. Pierre, Andrew Sanojca and Audrey Sanojca.

The EMO plan was reviewed with minor changes recommended. Discussion was held about the Incident Command System which will be implemented during large scale events to better coordinate efforts between multiple agencies.

Discussion was held about an Emergency Notification System to be used to notify residents of an emergency (flash flood, forest fire) or important situation (road closure, downed wires, etc), The committee agreed that the CAO should subscribe to the Voyent Alert Mass Notification System which can send an emergency message to cell phones, land lines, e-mail as well as post it on social media sites.

Discussion was held about the fact that residents need to be self sufficient during emergency events and the need for them to have a 72 Hour Kit. Information about what should be in a 72 Hour Kit can be found online by searching for 72 Hour Kit Red Cross.

The committee recognizes that all residents may not be able to be self-sufficient during a prolonged incident and that a list of vulnerable residents should be established. The Musquash Fire Department already has a list of residents that they check on during power outages and their efforts will be supported by the committee going forward.

Discussion was held about the possibility of reviving Neighbourhood Watch in the area. It appears this program has become dormant in many parts of the province.

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