



LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMERGENCY PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting Held Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 09:00 AM Virtual: Microsoft Teams

Present:	Shawn Carby	CRD (Chair)
	Alison Roberts	REMP (recording secretary)
	Jeri Grant	Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
	Samara Aitken	CRD
	Sara Jansen	Esquimalt
	Joe Seawald	Salt Spring Island Electoral Area
	Corey Anderson	Emergency Management BC
	Jonathan Reimer	CRD Electoral Areas
	Eileen Grant	Oak Bay
	Troy Mollin	Town of View Royal
	Matt Barney	Sooke
	Lisa Banfield	Central Saanich
	Brittany Schina	REMP
	Maegan Thompson	Saanich
	Tanya Patterson	City of Victoria
	Kyle Van Delft	Pacheedaht First Nation
	Stephanie Dunlop	Metchosin Fire Dept.
	Jenny Reid	Langford
	Donna Barner	Sidney

1. **Traditional Acknowledgment, Welcome, and Introductions:** S. Carby called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

2. **Approval of agenda:**

It was **Moved** by J. Grant and **Seconded** by M. Thompson

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3. **Approval of minutes (February 20, 2020):**

It was **Moved** by T. Mollin and **Seconded** by J. Grant

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4. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

a) **BC Hydro Response Protocol**

No update at this time

b) **Evacuation Route Planning**

T. Patterson provided an update that UBMC grant application intake has been postponed until



further notice and advised that all municipalities received a grant extension of three (3) months from UBCM. ISL is awaiting feedback from the region about the evacuation tool.

ACTION ITEMS:

- T. Patterson will re-share the updated tool with the region.
- T. Patterson will schedule a follow up virtual meeting with ISL and EPCs to review the tool.
- T. Patterson will share the UBCM grant extension information via email.

c) Media workshop

The media workshop that was scheduled to take place on April 4th was cancelled due to COVID. The group discussed possibilities to meet with media partners as soon as possible to share experienced between media and emergency management practitioners through the initial wave of COVID-19 to support planning for future waves including through an After Action Media Debrief

ACTION ITEM: REMP will work with S. Jansen and explore opportunities to engage with media partners.

5. LGEPAC/REPAC Working Group Updates:

a) Public Education Working Group

T. Patterson stepped down as chair of the Pub Ed Working Group, and LGEPAC members agreed that S. Hunn from the City of Victoria would act as the interim chair as no other members expressed interest. REMP will continue to support the management and coordination of the working group.

6. Other Agency Minutes: None.

7. New Business: None.

8. EMBC Updates:

C. Anderson updated LGEPAC about the status of EMBC's plan to modernize the *Emergency Program Act* has been delayed due to the COVID pandemic. The "what we hear report" will not be released at this time, as the Pandemic highlighted the need for additional work. The new target date for this legislation is spring 2021.

The Vancouver Island PREOC intends to engage the CRD and CVRD regions as part of an after action review in an effort to make improvements for future waves of the pandemic and upcoming hazard season.

ACTION ITEM: C. Anderson will explore possible opportunities for local governments to be re-engaged to provide additional input into the modernization process.

9. REMP Updates:



A. Roberts and B. Schina provided an update on the revised 2020 work plan as well as the proposed 2021 business plan that will be presented at June 15th REMP Steering Committee meeting. LEGPAC had no feedback or additional information.

10. Roundtable:

Local emergency programs provided updates about their EOC statuses, many are currently operating at Level 1, and some are maintaining operations at a Level 2. Priorities for most local authorities included the re-opening of playgrounds and parks, and some continue to work with BC Housing to address the needs of vulnerable populations.

Meeting adjourned. 10:08 am

It was **Moved** by T. Patterson and **Seconded** by S. Dunlop **MOTION CARRIED**

Next regular meeting: tentatively scheduled on September 17th (via MS Teams)