



Rural Ontario
Municipal Association

**Perennial Emergencies:
Planning for Tomorrow's Challenges**



MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL 2023

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

QUICK INTRODUCTION



MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

ELECTED GRAND CHIEF & DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF WITH IN MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL

- Attawapiskat First Nation Chief & Council
- Kashechewan First Nation “C&C”
- Fort Albany First Nation “C&C”
- Moose Cree First Nation “C&C”
- Taykwa Tagamou Nation “C&C”
- Missinabie Cree First Nation “C&C”
- Chapleau Cree First Nation “C&C”
- Communities most common with evacuations in the far north, accessible by boat or air. A train does run to the Municipality of Moosonee On., hub of the northern for the communities.
- Highway accessible communities located in the south, but still within the treaty 9 territory, the Cochrane district area.

NETWORKING & RESILIENCY OF MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL'S "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT".

- It's Role's & Responsibilities in **"Emergency Management"**

- to provide support services with any of it's First Nations in emergency management & the internal navigational process to it's respective elected officials & its identified emergency team of the First Nation(s) involved.
- To provide accountability & transparency in the delivery of its support services in accordance to its policy.
- Reports to directly to Grand Chief, Deputy Grand Chief, Executive Director & Director of Mushkegowuk Council
- Also reports to the Elected Official or it's identified Emergency Team of the First Nation declaring the "State of Emergency"

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- To provide training & education in emergency services, emergency management and advocate on behalf of its First Nations during an “State of Emergency” or Community Emergency Event regarding external resources.
- Ensure the networking and navigation of First Nation(s) with its partnerships with Federal, Provincial, Municipal and Non-government Organizations.
- **Provide planning & logistical assistance with Mushkegowuk Council’s diverse “Resources & Experts”.**

EVACUATION'S OF A FIRST NATION & WORKING WITH HOST COMMUNITY'S.

- First Nations application of the Joint Command Governance Approach, “indigenous Led” (JCGA) put forth by the Federal Government’s Indigenous Services Canada ISC, JCGA assists in working with Provencal, Municipal and Non-Government Organizations when dealing with a First Nation(s) evacuation and “decision making”.



UTILIZING MUSHKEGOWUK'S EMERGENCY SERVICES NETWORKING & RESOURCES DURING AN "EVACUATION".

- Helping & Assisting Host Communities with First Nation(s) Emergency Response Planning/logistics concerning evacuations and the commitment to ensure the security & safety of it's First Nation evacuees during the navigation process, as well as involvement and delivery of Essential Social Services through the JCGA.
- What does that mean ?

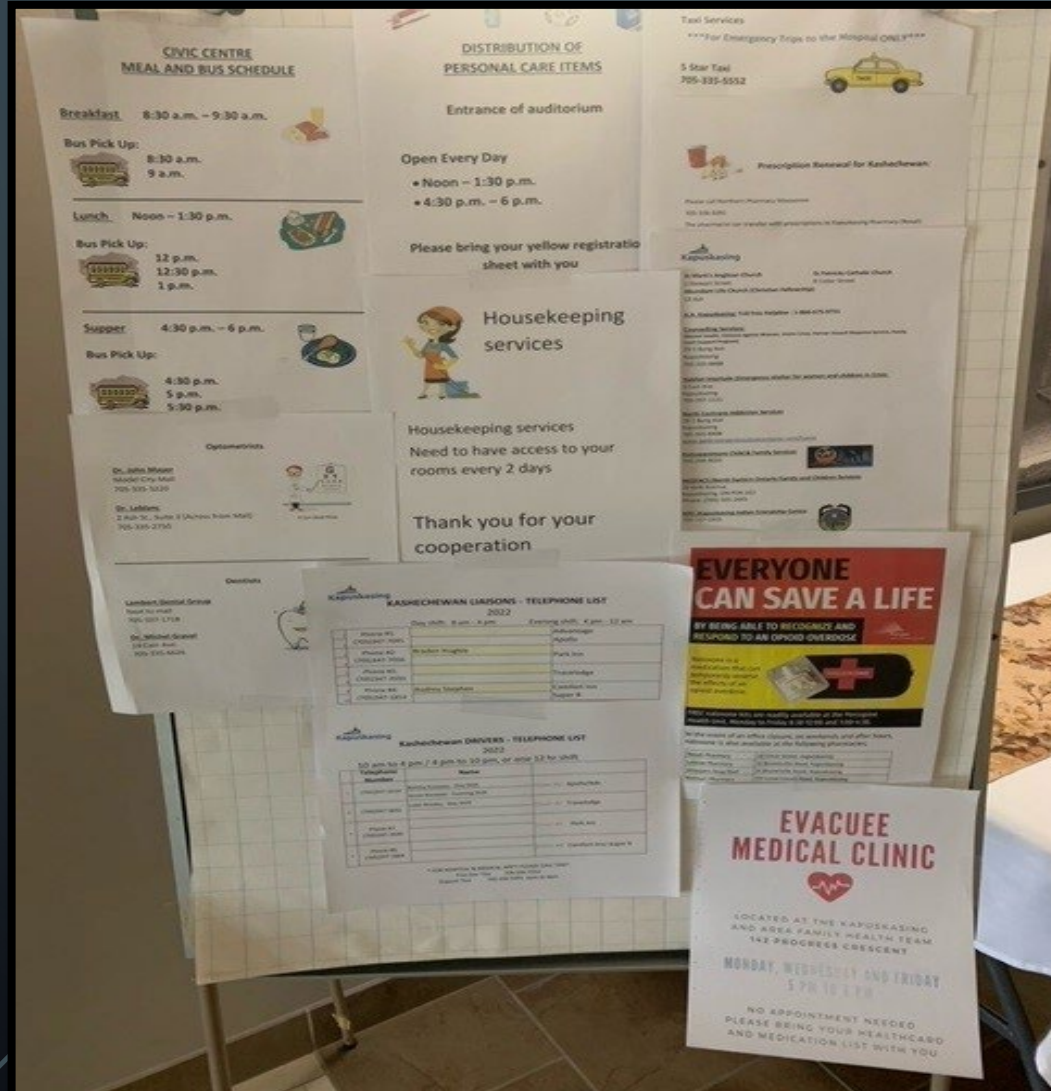


MUSHKEGOWUK COUNCIL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESOURCES & ABILITIES.

- Essential Social Services ESS of a Host Community is key in ensuring safety & needs of the First Nation evacuees & the emergency staff.
- Mushkegowuk Council has many Departments & Support Services to its First Nations, as well as human resources during such emergencies, (ITS FREE, Host communities don't pay for our services or resources).
- Combining efforts from both Municipal and First Nation Emergency logistics & planning to ensure a timely response in operations as they occur,
- Improves rapid response in mitigations to unforeseen events during an evacuation, arrival or repatriation from the Host community, (family reunification & SECURITY being two of the most common).



“COMBINING LOGICAL CHOICES FOR BETTER OUTCOMES”.



➤ Mushkegowuk's "Emergency Management Services also assists the First Nation's "liaison(s)", or Site Safety Officer" in working with Host Community's Planning & Logistics team to ensure appropriate discussions are made to benefit the "SAFETY" of the evacuees & all emergency personnel involved in this process.

➤ Examples of bad decision making:

- Evacuations Hotels beside liquor stores and Bar's. (setting up for failure and multiple problems),
- Having poor administration & registration process of arriving of evacuees,
- Essential Social Services ESS NOT ready upon evacuees arrival.
- No security or poor security, & no restrictions on Host community accommodation sites. (setting up for failure).

“LAST CHANCE PROGRAM” INSTITUTED BY SOME MUNICIPAL’S HOST COMMUNITIES IN CONJUNCTION & INVOLVEMENT WITH FIRST NATION’S”

- ✓ Security & Safety of law abiding evacuees is of the utmost importance at their accommodations within the Host community, (priority #1)
- ✓ Yes a “Last Chance Program”, dose exist & has been utilized as a last resort by some Municipal Host Communities as a part of mitigations to unforeseen incidents involving the “Security & Safety” of evacuees.
- Full disclosure of Security Incident reports on evacuee(s) involving illegal drugs & or disruption to other evacuees to their rights to security & safety, can be now delt with through the “Last Chance Program”,
- Host Communities Emergency Leads “working with” First Nation Emergency Leads is the KEY !

INCIDENT REPORTS, & DOCUMENTATION FOR MITIGATIONS CONCERNING SECURITY & SAFETY OF EVACUEES.

- JCGA First Nations Led approach as set by ISC has given First Nations alternatives when it comes to the decision making of Security & Safety on its own First Nations evacuees in a Host community(s) that has been selected;
 - i. The First Nation can either utilize ISN-Muskwa a First Nation Security services as stated in JCGA or,
 - ii. First Nation hires its own community members to provide security at the Hosting accommodations site, (working with ISN-Muskwa) or
 - iii. mutual agreement has been consented by both First Nation Emergency Lead & the Host community Emergency Lead to utilize the host community's security, (working with some members of the F.N.)
- however disclosure of all security incident reports on First Nation evacuees is still required by the host community's security to First Nations on "its own people", to help mitigate effectively and collaboratively with First Nation Emergency Management leadership, further more, as documentation as proof is required to follow through with the "Last Chance Program" as a last resort.

SUCCESSFUL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

THIS IS NOT A ONE PERSON SHOW, IT TAKES NUMEROUS RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL TO DEAL WITH ANY EVACUATION & UNFORESEEN EVENTS DURING SUCH OPERATIONS. WORKING TOGETHER IS KEY.



SWAMPY-CREE WORD OF THE DAY

- **“Jii-Mah-Kun”,**
 - Means, “My Paddling partner”.
- ***Working together is Key to get to the destination we both want quickly.***
- Nothing more frustrating than being in a paddle boat with some one who doesn’t know how to paddle or want to paddle !





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