

INFORMATION NOTE

Title:	Emergency Preparedness
Date Prepared:	January 28, 2021
Report To:	Inclusion Advisory Committee
Councillor and Role:	Councillor Deanne Stapleton
Ward:	N/A

Issue: Additional feedback regarding the Emergency Preparedness presentation.

Discussion – Background and Current Status: During the November 26th meeting of the Inclusion Advisory Committee, David Day, Manager of Emergency Preparedness with the City of St. John's presented information regarding the January 2020 State of Emergency.

David provided clarification regarding Emergency Response which is coordinated by the Province through the Emergency Services Act. As noted in the minutes, Inclusion Advisory Committee members provided feedback and were asked to bring the information back to their respective organizations for additional thought. CNIB provided the following feedback for discussion:

- Communication – the City of St. John's website is challenging to navigate, and it is difficult to know where to find accessible information
- Would like a dedicated phoneline (not 311) that can connect everyone to all available information. E.g. different organizations who are equipped to managed complicated issues as it relates to living with a disability.
- Before another emergency occurs, pre-determined locations in place with a plan so that the resident of the city will know where they should go in case of emergency, whether it be power outages, health concerns etc., access to food or to prescriptions.

Key Considerations/Implications:

1. Budget/Financial Implications: N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders: Inclusion NL & the Inclusion Advisory Committee
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

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- a. Connected City; supporting a city where people feel connected, have a sense of belonging, and are actively engaged in community life.
 - b. An effective City that performs effectively and delivers results.
4. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A
5. Privacy Implications: N/A
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:
 - a. Review of website features
7. Human Resource Implications: N/A
8. Procurement Implications: N/A
9. Information Technology Implications: N/A
10. Other Implications: N/A

Conclusion/Next Steps: A meeting will be scheduled with David Day, Manager of Emergency Preparedness, the City's Communication and Inclusion Teams, and the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities to discuss the feedback provided and next steps.

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