

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



<p>Date: February 3, 2023</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services</p>	<p>Meeting date: March 8, 2023</p>

Subject

Office of Emergency Management 2022 Report

Recommendation

That the report dated February 3, 2023 entitled "Office of Emergency Management 2022 Report" from the Commissioner of Community Services be received for information.

Executive Summary

- In accordance with the Emergency Management & Civil Protection Act, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has prepared the 2022 annual report titled "Office of Emergency Management 2022 Report".
- The OEM was engaged in responding to/monitoring approximately 40 incidents in 2022, compared to 19 in 2021.
- The OEM continued to provide emergency/incident management training to both internal staff, as well as emergency management stakeholders from various partner agencies.
- The OEM attended 24 community events in 2022, engaging with over 2,600 residents.

Background

The Emergency Management & Civil Protection Act and Ontario Regulation 380/04 requires each municipality within the Province of Ontario to have an emergency management program and an Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC). One of the requirements of the EMPC is to "conduct an annual review of the municipality's emergency management program" as well as "advise council on the development and implementation of the municipality's emergency management program". Each year the EMPC, through the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), undertake an annual review of the Program as well as the development of an annual report for the Mayor and Members of Council.

Comments

The attached report (appendix 1) provides an overview of the City's emergency management program, including the details pertaining to:

1. Emergency Response;
2. Community and Stakeholder Engagement;
3. Special Events;
4. Training & Exercises;
5. Hazard and Critical Infrastructure Identification and Risk Assessment;
6. Awards; and
7. Action Plan 2023 – 2024.

Emergency Operations & Response

The OEM operates under four emergency activation levels: Routine Monitoring, Enhanced Monitoring, Partial Activation, and Full Activation. The OEM also occasionally deploys to incident sites to provide on-scene support. For 2022 there were:

- Enhanced Monitoring: 35 incidents.
- Deployments: 3 incidents.
- Partial Activation: 1 incident.
- Full Activation: 0 incidents.

Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Throughout 2022, the OEM attended community events in partnership with various partner organizations to promote emergency preparedness and community resilience. The OEM engaged with residents encompassing a range of different demographics including students, older adults, and new Canadians.

In total, the OEM participated in 24 different community events, engaging with 2,637 residents. Of these residents, approximately 830 were students, and 675 were members of organizations supporting new Canadians.

Special Events

In 2022, the OEM supported the Ontario Parasport Games and Ontario Summer Games, developing emergency plans, delivering emergency exercises, and providing situational awareness support throughout both events. The OEM also provided emergency planning support in the lead-up to the 2022 Municipal Election.

Training & Exercises

The OEM provides emergency management and incident management training to both internal City employees, as well as external partners from the broader emergency management community.

In 2022, the OEM delivered eight training sessions, in addition to the virtual online training that is required to be completed by members of the City's Municipal Emergency Control Group. Over 120 City employees and external partners received incident management training in 2022.

In 2022, the OEM partnered with both Peel Regional Police and Halton Regional Police to deliver incident management training to the members of these organizations, helping to ensure that there will be coordinated responses to incidents involving the City and its local policing partners.

In addition to training, the OEM conducted and participated in several emergency exercises with both internal staff and external emergency management partners. These exercises help validate emergency plans, and identify potential areas of improvement related to emergency response.

Hazard and Critical Infrastructure Identification and Risk Assessment

The OEM are required to identify the various hazards and risks that could result in emergencies, and identify the facilities and critical infrastructure that are at risk of being affected by these emergencies. In 2022, the OEM worked with various subject matter experts and conducted extensive research to identify the top risks in Mississauga. The OEM also worked with the City's Geomatics Solutions team to ensure that the City's critical infrastructure inventory is mapped, and available as a useful visual tool to support situational awareness during emergencies.

Awards

The City of Mississauga was recognized with two prestigious emergency management awards in 2022:

- 2022 Community Preparedness Award by the International Association of Emergency Managers – Canada Council.
- Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award by Public Safety Canada.

The City was recognized with these awards as a result of the City's continuous efforts to foster resilience, through a collaborative, all-of-society approach to disaster-risk reduction.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impacts from this report

Conclusion

The City of Mississauga's Emergency Management Program will continue to evolve to ensure that the City is prepared for the various hazards that put the City at risk of experiencing emergencies. The OEM will continue to take a collaborative approach to community resilience, working closely with internal City divisions, external stakeholders, and community groups to adapt disaster-risk reduction solutions to the unique needs of the various groups and communities within Mississauga.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Office of Emergency Management 2022 Report



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