



Aboriginal Disaster Resilience Project Resources

Information Guide: Newfoundland and Labrador

General Information

Provincial/territorial emergency management organizations coordinate response activities, conduct planning and research, train, administer, and deliver disaster financial assistance programs in their respective province or territory. Funding agreements between emergency management organizations and AANDC help to ensure successful coordinated response and recovery efforts, better clarify roles and responsibilities, and support enhanced preparedness activities, including training and development of more robust community emergency plans for on-reserve First Nations.

For all aboriginal communities not considered as on-reserve First Nations communities, Provincial/Territorial emergency management organizations provide the same level of support as they do any community within their respective jurisdictions. These include Metis, First Nations in settlement areas and Inuit communities

You can use the keywords listed in your internet search engine (Google, Yahoo, Explorer, etc.) to find the information online

AANDC is currently negotiating provincial/territorial bilateral agreements regarding emergency management service provision for on-reserve First Nations

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1324572607784/1324572653216#a2>

Keywords: AANDC National Emergency Management Plan

For general information regarding AANDC's role in emergency management, please contact:

AANDC Public Enquiries Contact Centre

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
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10 Wellington Street, North Tower
Gatineau, Quebec

Postal Address:
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4

Email: InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca
Phone: (toll-free) 1-800-567-9604
Fax: 1-866-817-3977
TTY: (toll-free) 1-866-553-0554

Fire and Emergency Services Newfoundland and Labrador

The Fire and Emergency Services Newfoundland and Labrador (FESNL) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards. On the website you will find general contact information to reach Regional Managers and staff who are able to take calls and who will do their best to answer any questions about hazards that you may have.

Deer Lake Region Tel: (709) 635-4153 Fax: (709) 635-4163 Mailing Address: 2 Wellon Drive Deer Lake, Newfoundland and Labrador A8A 2G5	Grand Falls-Windsor Region Tel: (709) 292-4414 Tel: (709) 292-4078 Fax: (709) 292-4415 Location: 27B Hardy Avenue Mailing Address: 3 Corner Avenue Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland and Labrador A2A 1W9
Clarenville Region Tel: (709) 466-4109 Fax: (709) 466-1306 Mailing Address: 221B Memorial Drive, Clarenville, Newfoundland and Labrador A5A 1R3	Happy Valley - Goose Bay Telephone: 1-709-896-7957 Fax: 1-709-896-7956 Location: 169 Hamilton River Road Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2014, Stn. B Happy Valley – Goose Bay, NL A0P 1E0
Provincial Office Fire and Emergency Services – NL 25 Hallett Crescent P.O. Box 8700 St. John's, NL A1B 4J6 Fire Protection Services Telephone: 1-709-729-1608 Fire Protection Services Fax: 1-709-729-2524 Emergency Services Telephone: 1-709-729-3703 Emergency Services Fax: 1-709-729-3857	

<http://www.gov.nl.ca/fes/index.html>

Keywords: [contact provincial offices Newfoundland emergency services](#)

The FESNL website provides detailed information as to Environment Canada forecasts, Hurricane Watch updates, general weather advisories, provincial road conditions, Public Safety Canada alerts, Natural Resource Canada forest fire alerts, Health Canada advisories, Canadian Food Inspection Agency food recalls, and National Resource Canada alerts.

As well as providing either direct information or links to alerts and warnings, the FESNL website provides hazards information on:

- Fires
- Influenza
- Search and Rescue Operations
- Hurricanes
- Flooding
- Severe Storms
- Storm Surges
- Tornados
- Extreme Weather
- Mold
- Power Outages
- Hazardous Materials
- Earthquakes
- Avalanches
- Landslides
- Tsunamis

Local District Contacts

Innu Nation

<http://innu.ca/>

Keywords: [Innu Nation](#)

Nunatsiavut Government

<http://www.nunatsiavut.com/>

Keywords: [Nunatsiavut government](#)

NunatuKavut

<http://www.nunatukavut.ca/home/>

Keywords: [NunatuKavut](#)

Qalipu Mi'mak First Nation Band

<http://qalipu.ca/>

Keywords: [Qalipu Mi'kmaq](#)

The website below provides a starting point for identifying local district contacts for your community. In Newfoundland and Labrador contact information for municipal districts is available at

http://miga.gov.nl.ca/municipal_directory/index.html

Keywords: [Newfoundland municipal directory](#)

Areas and Districts

School Districts

The government of Newfoundland has a list of all the Aboriginal schools in the province. You can find contact information and other details on their website.

<http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/schoolsdistricts/directory/native.html>

Keywords: Newfoundland Native schools

Conne River

- St. Anne's School (376)

Se't A'newey Kina'mation 'kuom
Telephone: 1-709-882-2747

Natuashish

- Mushuau Innu Natuashish School (019)

1-709-478-8972/8970/8971/8973

Sheshatshiu

- Sheshatshiu Innu School (018)

1-709-497-3533

Innu Education

1-709-497-8343

Inuit Education

For other School Districts in Newfoundland and Labrador go to

<http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/schoolsdistricts/districts.html>

Keyword: Newfoundland school districts

Electoral Boundaries and Districts

The Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation Band has useful information on their website regarding their electoral wards.

<http://qalipu.ca/>

Keywords: Qalipu Mi'kmaq electoral wards

The Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency has a "Maps" section which may be helpful

<http://www.stats.gov.nl.ca/maps/>

Keywords: Newfoundland stats maps

Territorial Policing

The First Nations Policing Program (FNPP), is administered by Public Safety Canada

“A First Nations self-administered policing agreement is an arrangement between Canada, the participating province or territory, and the First Nations community. In these arrangements, the First Nation develops, manages and administers its own police service under provincial legislation. Independent police commissions provide for the impartial and independent oversight of police operations, and the police chief is responsible for the management and administration of the service.”¹ As of Feb 22, 2013, over 80% - or 528 of 617 – of the eligible First Nations communities are under the policing program.

Please check with your Band leaders to see if your community is currently participating in the program.

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the territorial policing boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/plcng/brgnl-plcng/index-eng.aspx>

Keywords: First Nations Policing Program

You can locate Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Detachments at

<http://www.rnc.gov.nl.ca/>

Keywords: Newfoundland police

You can locate RCMP Detachments in Newfoundland and Labrador at

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/nl/detach/index-eng.htm>

Keywords: Newfoundland RCMP detachments

Fire Protection Areas

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the fire protection boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

Newfoundland and Labrador Fire Departments can be contacted for fire protection area information at

<http://www.firehall.com/departments.php?prov=nl>

Keywords: Newfoundland fire hall

AANDC has a Frequently Asked Questions page on their website regarding First Nation Fire Protection.

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1374066558460/1374066706710>

Keywords: AANDC First Nation fire protection

¹Public Safety Canada. (2015). *Trends in Indigenous Policing. Models: An International Comparison*. Retrieved from <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/trnds-ndgns-plc-mdl/index-eng.aspx#a5>

Territorial Geological Organization

In Newfoundland and Labrador see the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador

<http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/mines&en/geosurvey/>

Keywords: Newfoundland geological survey

Geography - General

The Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office has information on the geography of the region and maps of land claims agreements. You can find more details on their website.

http://www.laa.gov.nl.ca/laa/land_claims/

Keywords: Labrador office land claims

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<http://www.stats.gov.nl.ca/Maps/>

Keywords: Newfoundland stats maps

Civil Emergency Measures Act

AANDC National Emergency Management Plan

The National Emergency Management Plan of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) lists the roles and responsibilities of the department and its partners in emergency management. It furthermore describes the concept for operations for responding to and managing an emergency affecting First Nation communities across Canada. The Plan is available for download at:

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1324572607784/1324572653216>

Keywords: AANDC, Emergency Management Plan

Newfoundland and Labrador: Emergency Services Act

The legislation that covers disasters in Newfoundland and Labrador is called the Emergency Services Act

<http://assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/e09-1.htm>

Keywords: Newfoundland emergency services act

There are a few definitions and legal requirements under the Act which are important to understand (note that this list is selected from a larger list and the text has, in some cases, been edited for length).

"agency" means Fire and Emergency Services - Newfoundland and Labrador

"assistance agreement" means an agreement to provide assistance in a time of declared emergency by way of human and other resources made under the authority of section 16

"business continuity plan" means a document containing procedures and guidelines to help recover and restore government's essential services to normal operational status within an acceptable time frame following an emergency or disruptive event

"CEO" means the chief executive officer appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to administer the agency

"council" includes the council of a municipality, a regional council, a local service district committee, a regional emergency management committee and an Inuit Community Council created under the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement as defined in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act

"director" means the Director of Emergency Services

"emergency" means a real or anticipated event or an unforeseen combination of circumstances which necessitates the immediate action or prompt co-ordination of action as declared or renewed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the minister, a regional emergency management committee or a council

"emergency management plan" means a plan, program or procedure prepared by

- (a) the province; or
- (b) a council in writing and approved by the director which is intended to prepare for, respond to, mitigate the effects of and recover from an emergency and to provide for the health, safety and well-being of persons and the protection of property and the environment

"minister" means the minister appointed under the Executive Council Act to administer this Act

"municipality" means a municipality under the Municipalities Act, 1999, the City of St. John's, the City of Mount Pearl and the City of Corner Brook and, for the purpose of this Act, includes a local service district and an Inuit community referred to in section 8.2 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act

"police officer" means a member of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

"regional emergency management committee" means a committee consisting of

- (a) representative of councils of municipalities,
- (b) committees of local service districts, or
- (c) other persons representing unincorporated areas which is responsible for the development and implementation of a regional plan

"regional plan" means an emergency management plan made by a regional emergency management committee

Thus, municipalities are broadly defined to include both cities and service districts, in addition to the Inuit community outlined in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act. In the same regard, councils are broadly defined to include diverse leadership structures in each type of municipality outlined. In terms of authority, municipalities must report to the Director of Emergency Services:

(2) An emergency management plan shall, before adoption by a municipality, be submitted to the director for review, and a council shall make any changes required by the director so that the plan may be approved by the director before the plan is adopted by a council.

Community History

You can find more information about Innu, Inuit, and Métis communities in Newfoundland and Labrador by looking at regional and local community websites. The Combined Councils of Labrador has lots of information regarding the Innu, Inuit, and Métis history in Labrador.

<http://www.combinedcouncils.ca/home/>

Keywords: Labrador Combined Councils

Newfoundland and Labrador Archives

Provincial archives are a great place to search for early history on your community – it may be a bit confusing to access information at first, so take some time to get orientated to each website.

http://www.anla.nf.ca/alphabetical_index.html

Keywords: Newfoundland and Labrador archives association

Community Information

For specific community information about the Innu Nation, Nunatsiavut Government, or Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation, please see their individual websites.

Innu Nation

<http://innu.ca/>

Keywords: Innu Nation

Nunatsiavut Government

<http://www.nunatsiavut.com/>

Keywords: Nunatsiavut government

NunatuKavut

<http://www.nunatukavut.ca/home/>

Keywords: NunatuKavut

Qalipu Mi'mak First Nation Band

<http://qalipu.ca/>

Keywords: Qalipu Mi'kmaq

Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Environment and Conservation has several interactive "Maps" sections which may be helpful

<http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/waterres/gis/>

Keywords: Newfoundland environment conservation maps

General Territorial Statistics

You can find statistics on the Department of Finance's Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency website

<http://www.stats.gov.nl.ca/>

Keywords: Newfoundland statistics

Vital Statistics

You can find statistics on the Department of Finance's Newfoundland and Labrador Vital Statistics Division website

<http://www.gs.gov.nl.ca/departement/branches/divisions/vs.html>

Keywords: Newfoundland vital statistics division

Supplemental Territorial Hazards Information

Forest and Wild Fires

<http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/forestry/fires/>

Keywords: Newfoundland forest and wildfires

Floods

<http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/waterres/flooding/index.html>

Keywords: Newfoundland floods