



Aboriginal Disaster Resilience Project Resources

Information Guide: Prince Edward Island

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

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

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Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island

The Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island has a Health Emergency Management (HEM) program that provides useful resources for community members. You can find more information on their website.

<http://www.mcpei.ca/node/305>

Keywords: Mi'kmaq PEI emergency management

Prince Edward Island Emergency Measures Organization

The Prince Edward Island Emergency Measures Organization (PEIEMO) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards. On the website you will find general contact information to reach Emergency Measures Officers who are able to take calls and do their best to answer any questions about hazards that you may have. The Office of Public Safety can assist Municipalities to conduct Municipal Risk Assessments, and plan, train and exercise emergency response systems. A Public Safety Officer can speak to Council on Municipal Emergency Management, or conduct a community presentation on Personal Preparedness.

<p>General Contact Information</p> <p>Tel: (902) 894-0385 Toll-free: 1-877-894-0385 Fax: (902) 368-6362 Email: emo@gov.pe.ca</p> <p>Mailing Address: National Bank Tower 134 Kent Street, Suite 600, PO Box 911 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1A 7L9</p>	<p>24 Hour Emergency Line</p> <p>Tel: (902) 892-9365 Toll-free: 1 (888) 294-9909</p>
<p>Emergency Measures Officer</p> <p>Office of Public Safety, Justice and Public Safety Tel: (902) 368-6325 Fax: (902) 368-6362</p>	<p>Emergency Measures Officer</p> <p>Office of Public Safety, Justice and Public Safety Tel: (902) 368-6629 Fax: (902) 368-6362</p>
<p>Provincial Emergency Management Coordinator</p> <p>Office of Public Safety, Justice and Public Safety Tel: (902) 368-5980 Fax: (902) 368-6362</p>	

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/jps/index.php3?number=1030226&lang=E>

Keywords: PEI emergency measures organization preparedness

The PEIEMO website provides detailed information as to Prince Edward Island Public Safety Alerts, Natural Resource Canada's Earthquake Twitter Page, the PEI Amber Alert Facebook Page, Weather Warnings, Weather RRS feeds, Track the Storm Online feature, general weather forecasts by Environment Canada, and Canadian Hurricane Centre warnings.

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

- Power Outages
- Hurricanes
- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Hazardous Material Spills
- Wildfires
- Tsunamis
- Infectious Disease Outbreak
- Pandemic Influenza
- Severe Storms
- Storm Surges

Local District Contacts

Prince Edward Island has three First Nations communities, which are listed below. You can find more information about each Nation on their website (also use keywords for searching online)

Acadia First Nation

<http://www.acadiafirstnation.ca/>

Keyword: Acadia First Nation

ADRP: Resources

Abegweit First Nation

<http://www.abegweit.ca/>

Keywords: Abegweit First Nation

Lennox Island First Nation

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

Keywords: Lennox Island First Nation

In Prince Edward Island contact information for municipal districts is available at

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/mapp/municipalities.php>

Keywords: PEI municipalities

Areas and Districts

School Districts

You can find information about First Nations education in Prince Edward Island through the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island website.

<http://www.mcpei.ca/Education>

Keywords: PEI First Nations education

For School Districts in Prince Edward Island go to the PEI English Language School Board or the PEI French Language School Board:

English School Board

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/edu/elsb/>

Keywords: PEI school districts

French School Board

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/infopei/index.php3?lang=E&number=80799>

Keywords: PEI French language school board

Electoral Boundaries and Districts

The Government of Prince Edward Island has an “Interactive Maps” section which may be helpful

<http://www.electionspei.ca/provincial/districts/index.php>

Keywords: PEI election 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

The RCMP currently provides policing for First Nations in PEI.

You can locate RCMP Detachments in Prince Edward Island at

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

Keywords: RCMP, Prince Edward Island

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. Prince Edward Island Fire Departments can be contacted for fire protection area information at

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/infopei/index.php3?number=2472>

Keywords: PEI fire departments

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

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

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>

Keywords: AANDC First Nation fire protection

Territorial Geological Organization

In Prince Edward Island see the GIS Data Catalog

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/gis/index.php3?number=77543&lang=E>

Keywords: PEI GIS emergency data catalog

Geography - General

The Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island has a living memory community mapping project with information on hunting grounds, fishing, cultural sites and other natural resources from a perspective of Aboriginal knowledge. You can find more information on their website:

<http://www.mcpei.ca/node/53>

Keywords: Mi'kmaq PEI resource management

The Government of Prince Edward Island has an “Interactive Maps” section which may be helpful

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/maps/>

Keywords: PEI information 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

Prince Edward Island: The Disaster Services Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Prince Edward Island is called the Emergency Measures Act

http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/statutes/pdf/e-06_1.pdf

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).

“Director” means the Director of the Emergency Measures Organization

“disaster” means any real or anticipated occurrence such as disease, pestilence, fire, flood, tempest, explosions, enemy attack or sabotage, which endangers property, the environment or the health, safety or welfare of the civil population

“emergency” means a present or imminent event in respect of which the Minister or municipality believes prompt co-ordination of action or special regulation of persons or property must be undertaken to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property

“Emergency Measures Organization” means the Prince Edward Island Emergency Measures Organization

“emergency measures plan” means any plan, program or procedure prepared by the province or a municipality that is intended to mitigate the effects of an emergency or disaster and to provide for the safety, health or welfare of the civil population and the protection of property and the environment in the event of such an occurrence

“Fire Marshal” means the fire marshal appointed pursuant to the Fire Prevention Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. F-11

“local authority” means the council of a municipality, the Park Superintendent of a National Park or his delegate where an agreement is entered into with the Government of Canada in which it is agreed that the Park Superintendent is a local authority for the purposes of this Act

the Band Council of an Indian Band where an agreement is entered into with the Government of Canada in which it is agreed that the Band Council is a local authority for the purposes of this Act,

in the case of special areas or districts, the Minister responsible for emergency measures

“Minister” means the member of the Executive Council charged by the Lieutenant Governor in Council with the administration of this Act

“municipality” means an area as defined by the Municipalities Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-13 and includes the Cities of Charlottetown and Summerside, and the Towns of Cornwall and Stratford

“state of emergency” means a state of emergency declared by the Minister pursuant to subsection 9(1)

“state of local emergency” means a state of local emergency declared by a local authority pursuant to subsection 9(2) or by the mayor or chair of a municipality pursuant to subsection 9(2.1)

Thus, “local authorities” is broadly defined to include governance in both incorporated and non-incorporated communities, primarily “councils.” Local authorities must submit plans to the Minister for review and integration into general provincial plans. The Minister’s duties are to:

7(b) request municipalities to prepare emergency measures plans including mutual assistance programs, and to submit them to the Emergency Measures Organization for review for adequacy and integration with the provincial emergency plan

establish procedures for the prompt and effective implementation of emergency measures plans

request any person to develop emergency measures plans in conjunction with the Emergency Measure Organization or the municipalities to remedy or alleviate any hazard to persons, property or the environment that is or might be created.

Community History

There are several websites with valuable information about Mi'kmaq and First Nations history in Prince Edward Island. A few are listed below.

<http://www.mcpei.ca/MikmaqHistory>

Keywords: Mi'kmaq history PEI

<http://mikmawarchives.ca/>

Keywords: Mi'kmaq archives

You may also find information through Provincial archives to search for early history on your community. Government of Prince Edward Island Archives

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/archives/>

Keywords: PEI archives

Community Information

Information about the Mi'kmaq communities of Prince Edward Island can be found on the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI website,

<http://www.mcpei.ca/>

Keywords: Mi'kmaq communities PEI

You will also find community information on the websites of the Lennox Island and Abegweit communities.

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

Keywords: Lennox Island First Nation

<http://www.abegweit.ca/>

Keywords: Abegweit First Nation

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<http://www.gov.pe.ca/maps/>

Keywords: PEI maps

General Territorial Statistics

You can find statistics on Prince Edward Island's Department of Finance and Municipal Affairs' website

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/finance/esaffr-info/dg.inc.php3>

Keywords: PEI economics statistics indicators

Vital Statistics

Prince Edward Island

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/vitalstatistics/>

Keywords: PEI vital statistics

Supplemental Territorial Hazards Information

Wildfires and Forest Fires

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/eef/fire/>

Keywords: PEI wildfires forest fires

Floods and Storms

<http://www.cbc.ca/stormcentre/pei/>

Keywords: PEI storm centre