



## **Reception Centre Information Session Report**

Emergency Preparedness Week May 6th -10th

Attendee: Ashley Feschuk - Administration/Project Coordinator - Rural Municipality of Belfast

### **Rural & Regional Development**

Rural Growth Initiative (RGI) has funded 15 Projects - 2023/24

Total Spent \$862,126 for upgrades/generators to assist warming centers

Emerald received funding for solar panels and a sound system

There is no deadline on this funding, it is open to encourage continuous planning - in order to be eligible for this you must have EMO Designation - (which is something that I have worked hard to achieve for RMB).

### **Department of Environment, Energy & Climate Action**

Focus is on Mitigation and Adaptation. The mitigation focuses on initiatives and adaptation centres on awareness.

CHRIS - Hub for climate risks on PEI. Focus is on Coastal Erosion, Coastal Flooding and Inland Flooding.

C - Climate

H - Hazard

R - Risk

I - Information

S - System

For more information visit [www.princeedwardisland.ca/CHRIS](http://www.princeedwardisland.ca/CHRIS) - Coastal Property Guide

### **PEI EMO**

25 Centres have been certified on the Island

Main focus is on Prevention and Mitigation

Training is available

Every three years we need to go through the recertification process and it is up to the municipality to reach out and arrange this as there is no formal follow-up process in place with EMO.

### **Municipal Affairs**

Shelly Hurry, Municipal Officer

Housing, Land and Communities  
Natalie Doyle  
Sr. Municipal Advisor

Launch of Reception Centre Map - Search for Reception Centres on Prince Edward Island.  
Hour/Services Posted (showers, meals, laundry, drinking water, etc.)

[www.princeedwardisland.ca/receptioncentremap](http://www.princeedwardisland.ca/receptioncentremap)  
[www.princeedwardisland/receptioncentres](http://www.princeedwardisland/receptioncentres)  
[www.princeedwardisland/receptioncentreapp](http://www.princeedwardisland/receptioncentreapp)

### **Panel Discussion**

1. Doug Bryson, chair of the local Evangeline EMO committee in Wellington/Abram Village
2. Dorothy MacDonald—Town of Three Rivers
3. Shaun MacArthur—Rural Municipality of West River

### **Lessons Learned**

Flow of volunteers

People with Expectations - An inconvenience is not an emergency

Volunteer Burnout

Regular EMO meetings are important to plan, practice and prepare

Suggestion - create designated outdoor charging stations and water fill up sites

Create a list of important services/numbers that might be useful to visitors of the centre

We **ALL** have a part to play - 72 hours - EMO would like residents to prepare for 72 hours of sheltering in place prior to the centre being opened. Roads must be clear before the centre opens - RCMP

Managing Donations - NO MEAT, only non-perishables

MEMP should meet prior to the weather event and plan to have a meeting after the event - location & time established beforehand in case cell phones are unavailable.

Social Media - 72 hour Prep Awareness

Social Media - Help stock the food bank prior to weather events for those in need

Order kits from Red Cross to drop off at food bank if possible

Order kits to keep at RMB Office

RGI Funding - Supplies

MEMP Team Meeting

Hazard Risk Analysis Meeting