



Meeting Date: May 1, 2024

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Report No:

Subject: Ontario's Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan – 2023 Annual Report

Recommendation:

THAT Report CAO-14-2024, re: Ontario's Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan: 2023 Annual Report be received for information.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to share information from the Treasury Board Secretariat that informs of the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and 2023 Annual Report.

Background:

The Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan, which was released last year, is the province's roadmap for a whole-of-Ontario approach to emergency management to keep the people of Ontario safe, practiced and prepared.

Analysis:

This annual report shows the progress made in the last year to keep communities ready and prepared as well as continued actions moving forward. Key actions highlighted in the annual report include:

- Strengthened collaboration through coordinated responses to emergencies across the province, including during challenging flood and wildland fire seasons.

- Enhanced public education and support for emergency management partners, including the delivery of 336 emergency management courses for 13,847 participants and launch of the “Exercise in a Box” program.
- Launched the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant to help communities and organizations across Ontario purchase critical supplies, equipment and deliver training and services towards local emergency preparation and response as part of \$110 million over the next three years announced in the 2023 Ontario Budget

Please see the link to access the full copy of the [Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan: 2023 Annual Report](#)

The report also contains a breakdown of the progress for each of the goals being:

Goal 1: One window for Ontarians

Emergency Management Ontario continues to strengthen its role as the one window for provincial emergency management coordination through relationship building, collaboration, increasing resiliency and advancing preparation, mitigation and response strategies to ensure all of Ontario is safe, practiced and prepared.

Goal 2: Proactive planning and monitoring

Ontario continues to advance proactive planning and monitoring grounded in data, analytics and knowledge to set the foundation for coordinated emergency management across the province.

Goal 3: Practiced and prepared emergency response

The province is working to ensure that Ontarians are practiced and prepared for potential future emergencies through strengthened local capabilities, emergency management training, exercises and public education.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Sustainable Infrastructure and Services

Reviewing the provincial annual report for Emergency Response is a good reference point to ensure that Middlesex Centre maintains a proactive emergency response system by reviewing and incorporating some of the goals and success points into our program.

Attachments:

Attachment – Correspondence from Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management dated April 9, 2024