

**DATE :** April 9, 2024

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Community Emergency Management Coordinators (CEMCs)

**FROM:** Bernie Derible  
Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency  
Management  
Treasury Board Secretariat

**SUBJECT:** **Ontario's Provincial Emergency Management Strategy  
and Action Plan: 2023 Annual Report**

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I am pleased to share with you Ontario's [Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan: 2023 Annual Report](#).

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.

The 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.

Best practice initiatives led by emergency management partners across Ontario are also profiled in the annual report which exemplify collective work towards safer and more prepared communities across the province.

This progress is made possible because of the collaboration, coordination, and commitment of municipal partners across Ontario. Thank you for your valued partnership through engagements and discussions to move emergency management goals forward.

If you have any questions regarding the annual report, please contact your local Field Officer. A copy of this memorandum has also been shared with your municipality's Chief Administrative Officer.

I appreciate your continued support and partnership as we work together towards a safe, practiced and prepared Ontario.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernie Derible', with a stylized, cursive script.

Bernie Derible  
Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management  
Treasury Board Secretariat

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