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City Disaster Planning Exercise a Success

The City of Pembroke concluded a successful disaster planning exercise on May 25, 2006, as part of a mandated process under the Emergency Measures Act.

The purpose of the exercise was to practice, demonstrate and evaluate the capability of the City to set up and operate the Community Emergency Operations Centre, to evaluate the Community Plan and to familiarize various departments and agencies with their roles and responsibilities.

“This tabletop exercise emulated a probable tornado disaster occurring in the City’s west end and allowed our Community Control Group to correlate their actions and reactions to an emergency,” stated Colleen Sauriol, Community Emergency Management Coordinator. “It was very successful in creating awareness of possible issues, and focusing the team’s efforts on areas that will be improved.”

Mayor Jacyno, Chief Administrative Officer, Terry Lapierre, Chief of Police Blair MacIsaac, and Fire Chief Rheaume Chaput were all on hand, along with staff of the City of Pembroke’s Works, Treasury, Planning, and Economic Development Departments, as well as representatives from Ottawa River Power Corporation.

Mayor Jacyno stated that he “found the exercise very interesting. It is a critical planning component to the overall safety of our community to ensure that we are disaster resilient.”

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