



BRITISH
COLUMBIA

The Best Place on Earth

November 10, 2010

To All Emergency Management BC Stakeholders

Emergency Management BC (EMBC) was created in 2006 to better integrate and build upon the Province's public safety programs in the Provincial Emergency Program, Office of the Fire Commissioner, BC Coroners Service, BC Flood Protection Program and Business Continuity Planning.

This past March when we announced the restructuring of EMBC in order to more effectively and efficiently deliver its core services to British Columbians, I committed to keeping you informed of our progress. In keeping with this commitment, I am pleased to provide you with copies of our Strategic Plan (the Plan) and organizational charts. These documents show the strategic direction for EMBC and the way in which we have structured ourselves to provide an integrated operation largely based on the four pillars of emergency management (planning, mitigation, response and recovery). As you will see, our goals and our new structure allow us to completely preserve our relationships with stakeholders.

Strategic Plan

- We have developed an interim Plan designed to provide necessary short term direction and priority setting guidance until we can complete a full strategic planning process, including consultation with our stakeholders, in the coming months.
- In addition to helping us set priorities, the goals and objectives of the Plan will help our staff members maintain a clear line of sight from our daily work to EMBC's overall strategies.
- This will in turn help our day-to-day activities to remain focused on our stakeholder responsibilities as laid out in our goals and objectives during completion of our long term strategic planning process.

.../2

Ministry of Public Safety
and Solicitor General

Office of the Fire and Emergency
Management Commissioner
Emergency Management BC

Mailing Address:
PO Box 9223 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria BC V8W 9J1

Location:
2nd Floor – 525 Fort Street
Victoria BC
Telephone: 250 953-4002
Facsimile: 250 387-4872

Organizational Charts

- The EMBC reorganization is being implemented with a focus on maintaining and improving overall service levels. Consistent with the commitment made in our March 2010 announcement, all funded and staffed positions have been retained.
- Under EMBC's new structure we now have five strategic business units having the following general responsibilities:
 - **Emergency Coordination** - coordinates the provincial response to emergencies and disasters and provides specialized technology resources to support emergency response activities
 - **BC Coroners Service** - is responsible for the investigation of all unnatural, sudden and unexpected, unexplained or unattended deaths. It makes recommendations to improve public safety and prevent death in similar circumstances.
 - **Mitigation** - enhances the capacity of communities and partners to reduce the potential impacts of emergencies or disasters. The Office of the Fire Commissioner is located within this area.
 - **Strategic Planning, Policy and Legislation** - provides a critical role leading strategic policy and planning in support of the entire suite of EMBC's programs and services.
 - **Strategic Business Services** - provides specialized strategic and business services to support all areas of EMBC. In addition to its responsibilities for finance and corporate oversight, its recovery and funding group works with local governments, other organizations and individuals to help with recovery following emergency events, coordinates grant programs for stakeholders and generates federal cost recoveries related to provincial emergency events.
- As part of our ongoing efforts to more effectively and efficiently deliver EMBC's core services to British Columbians, where possible, we are bringing all of our business units together under one roof. This will provide you, our stakeholders, with a single point of access to EMBC services in many of our regions and at our headquarters in Victoria.

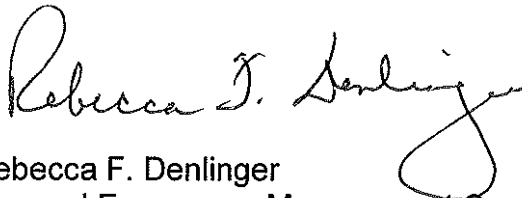
Emergency Management BC Stakeholders
November 10, 2010
Page 3

- We are currently in the process of moving virtually all our Greater Victoria staff in the Planning, Mitigation and Emergency Coordination units together at our Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre location in Central Saanich.
- Similar efforts are under way or are already completed at our regional offices throughout the Province.

Under EMBC's new structure you will find all of the core services we have always provided, delivered in the most professional manner by the same exceptional staff you have always dealt with.

If you have any questions about our new structure or EMBC's Strategic Plan please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca F. Denlinger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Rebecca F. Denlinger
Fire and Emergency Management Commissioner

Attachments