

**Summary notes for Community Recovery Session#1 January 27 2021**  
**Overview of the 4 Pillars of Recovery**

1. Start sooner in anticipation of future events. Plan for recovery before it happens.
2. How do communities deal with compounding events? Are there ways to better deal with one event on top of another?
3. Other parts of emergency management, when practiced (preparedness and mitigation) will help to potentially make recovery a shorter and better experience.
4. The interplay between "pillars" is obvious and holds potential for further discussion as to how to build on this and "think laterally" to build capacity across sectors.
5. Collaboration is the key to successful recovery.
6. Involvement with community is key to appropriate recovery actions. Best practices with involving all parts of community should be considered in building recovery preparedness.
7. Insurance : Greater literacy regarding this is needed to most effectively support those who need it.
8. Gaps in what insurance will or will not cover (i.e. hydro poles on private land; debris removal; lower coverage on possessions of renters, etc.) and how DFA fits into the insurance discussion were also talked about.
9. Vulnerable populations- inequities and how to support various populations with funding and other opportunities.
10. How to maintain a recovery presence in an EOC either right away, or soon after an EOC stands up.
11. Guilt by those who do get funding, when their neighbours may not have received any; in a small community what does that do for the affected group as a whole?
12. The arts groups in community that can potentially be valuable resources for EOCs- logistics, planning, etc - either in the EOC (with training beforehand) or in the community for sourcing people equipment, etc.

**Potential Sessions, workshops, discussions, actions, informed by the Jan 27th session, to be considered for the future.**

- Session on the process and sections needed in an effective Pre Event Recovery plan for communities and/or for non profit societies.
- Session on cross sectional considerations - which agencies and stakeholders are involved and what does the process currently look like as to how these groups connect/collaborate/coordinate efforts.

Example:

- Debris removal post wildfire. How could FLNRORD, MOTI, Local Government, FN government, local non profits, NGOs, affected residents and small business bring value, decide jurisdiction and gain input/support for a community project to remove destroyed equipment, vehicles and dead trees/woody debris?
- Building recovery cohorts via regular meetings to discuss issues that need resolution or reflection to improve or move forward - or just to connect with colleagues working in this area.
- Discussion on identifying the capacities within a community - both obvious, and hidden. (This could be a precursor conversation to building/creation of Pre Event Recovery Plans)
- Session with those working in the insurance industry- specific areas of interest? as a workshop or webinar session.
- Further opportunity following a session on insurance may be to approach BCAEM re: advocacy in terms of a greater discussion at other levels to identify if/how the insurance systems in place currently could be improved upon for disaster recovery issues.
- Vulnerable populations and access to funding: This will partially be addressed on Feb 10th re: inequities in funding via less or more easy access to funding opportunities - but is a much broader topic to explore in future
- Session on different aspects of *timing* within Recovery. Both from the EOC/LG/FN side, to the CR manager/team side of ongoing supports.

Examples:

- when is it most appropriate to offer short term, or ongoing, mental health supports to an affected resident?)
- when do recovery efforts carried out by the Community Recovery Manager or team, end and the remaining tasks get handed back to the local government (or other community members/groups) to move forward with?
- how to coordinate the timing of available funding and resources to fit with particular recovery needs or projects.
- Is there a matrix (or should there be one) created showing approximate timing of funding supports from government and other agencies in the timeline of community recovery?
- Within the social pillar, the arts are a valuable source of resources (human and other). How do the various sectors of a community take on roles within community recovery ? .

## **Links from January 27th Session: Overview of the 4 Pillars of Recovery**

BC Association of Emergency Managers website

<http://www.bcaem.ca>

Facebook page: BC Association of Emergency Managers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/213782406241545>

The Second Responders website

<http://www.thesecondresponders.org>

Facebook page: The Second Responders - community recovery

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2551840248469751>

ArtsBC

<http://www.artsbc.org>

West Kootenay Regional Arts Council

[www.wkartsCouncil.com](http://www.wkartsCouncil.com)

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Facebook pages:

FB – <https://www.facebook.com/ArtsBC/>

and Arts BC Mastermind FB page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1814263908648214>

WKRAC – website <http://www.wkartsCouncil.com>- sign up for the Kootenay Arts E-

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