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To: Emergency Preparedness Committee

And To: Murray Daly, Chief Administrative Officer

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Short Summary:

EDMA Implementation Update - Indigenous Engagement Requirements

Background:

In working to implement the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Emergency and Disaster Management Act (EDMA), the CRD EOC has noted several areas requiring continued resourcing and strategic planning.

EDMA came into force November 2023. In alignment with the legislation, emergency program services staff began outreach and discussions with First Nation emergency staff counterparts throughout the region to begin building the necessary relationships for appropriate emergency management communication, coordination, consultation and cooperation.

Observed operational opportunities and challenges include:

- Day-to-day coordination on EOC operations and response planning
- Expectation management pertaining to issuing Evacuation Orders & Alerts and area restrictions
- Additional requirements involved in reporting on SOLE Declarations and requesting Extensions
- Impacts of delayed regulation and policy frameworks
- Information sharing

Attachments:

N/A