

CV Emergency Program



Fracture on 5th Regional Exercise



CITY OF
COURTENAY



Kómoks First Nation



TOWN OF
COMOX



Comox Valley
REGIONAL DISTRICT

Service Fundamentals

- ❖ Provincial Emergency Program Act
- ❖ Administration, Planning and Operations by CV Emergency Management Program

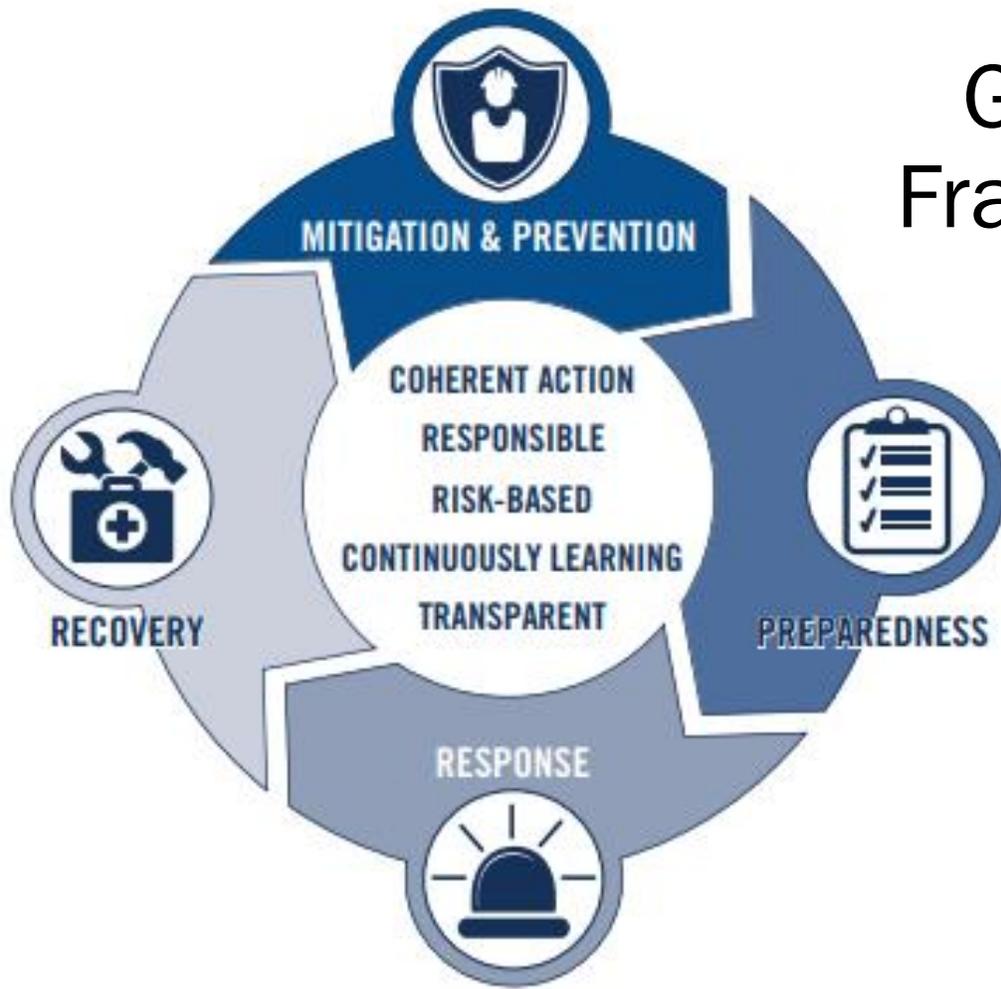
Participants:

- ❖ Electoral Areas A,B,C service participants
- ❖ Service Agreements with- City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, Village of Cumberland
- ❖ Work closely with K'ómoks First Nation

Current Governance:

- ❖ Comox Valley Emergency Program Administration Committee
- ❖ Executive Committee CVRD Committee of the Whole
- ❖ Policy (Pandemic) Group – Mayors, Chairs and K'ómoks First Nation
- ❖ Electoral Area Directors only voting members

Guiding Framework



Hazards, Risk and Vulnerabilities Analysis

SENDAI FRAMEWORK



BCEMS Response Goals

1. Ensure the health and safety of responders
2. Save lives
3. Reduce suffering
4. Protect public health
5. Protect infrastructure
6. Protect property
7. Protect the environment
8. Reduce economic and social losses

Supporting Emergency Management



COMOX VALLEY EMERGENCY PROGRAM
Emergency
Radio Communication



Volunteers that directly support CV Emergency Management and Local Governments

Current Projects and Arrangements

Community Readiness Planning and Response

- ❖ Regional Extreme Weather Advance Planning
- ❖ Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program
- ❖ FireSmart Preparedness

Community Grants

- ❖ UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Funds:
 - Emergency Support Services
 - Emergency Operations Centre
- ❖ UBCM Community Resiliency Investment



Trends

- ❖ Climate change impacts:
 - more frequent extreme weather
 - anticipated sea level rise increase
- ❖ Province's phasing in of changes to legislation related to the *Emergency Program Act*



Direction from After-Action Report

Focus at building regional capacity in the Comox Valley for:

- ❖ Emergency Management readiness/response
- ❖ Establishing three, 7-8 hours shifts Emergency Operations Centre readiness

Regional training:

- ❖ Develop lunch and learn style sessions, **multi-year** delivery plan
- ❖ Collaborate with external provincial/federal partners in multi-agency themed drills and/or exercises e.g. 19 Wing/DND EX “Totem”



Financial Overview and moving forward

Emergency Program	Proposed 2023 Budget
Regional Operating Budget	\$734,476

Moving to regional with first steps

- ❖ Reflecting full regional budget
- ❖ Electoral Area support in principle
- ❖ Obtain support from municipalities to become direct participants by expanding the service establishment bylaw
- ❖ Requires bylaw adoption by October 2023

Key benefits

- ❖ Full Board participation in governance of the service
- ❖ Strengthened regional advocacy voice from the Board

NEXT STEPS

Addressing any questions to clarify service delivery direction



Seeking interest and support for moving to regional emergency management program delivery