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Town of Blind River

Dear Karen Bittner - CEMC:

Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) is proud to support your efforts to deliver on our common mission to ensure Ontarians are safe, practiced and prepared before, during and after emergencies.

The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) requires each municipality to develop and implement an Emergency Management (EM) program that includes:

- Municipal hazard and identification risk assessment;
- Municipal critical infrastructure list;
- Municipal emergency plan;
- Program By-law;
- Annual Review;
- Annual training;
- Annual exercise;
- Public education program;
- An Emergency Operations Center;
- A Community Emergency Management Coordinator;
- An Emergency Management Program Committee;
- A Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) and;
- An Emergency Information Officer.

Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) assists municipalities by making available our Field Officers and other resources to provide advice and guidance, deliver training, participate in exercises, and other advisory services including annually advising municipalities on achieving their EMCPA requirements.

Thank you for sharing your EM program related information and the effort undertaken to do so. Upon review of the documentation submitted, EMO is pleased to advise that our assessment indicates that your municipality has satisfied all thirteen (13) program elements required under the EMCPA.

Congratulations on your municipality's efforts in meeting your EMCPA requirements in

2023.

You may also be interested in learning of the following information for further context:

- 412 of 444 municipalities sought EMO's advice on their progress to meet their EMCPA requirements in 2023, of which 405 were advised they appeared to satisfy their EMCPA requirements.
- Of the 7 municipalities who were advised they did not appear to meet all 13 program elements required under the EMCPA, the most prevalent reasons were:
  - Not designating an Emergency Information Officer;
  - CEMC did not complete training;
  - Not completing the annual MCEG training; and/or
  - Not completing an annual review of their EM program.

There is nothing more important than the safety and wellbeing of our families and loved ones, and the importance of ensuring that your municipality is as prepared as possible for any potential emergency cannot be understated.

Once again, EMO is here to assist municipalities in achieving their EMCPA requirements. For further information or if you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact our Field Officer assigned to your Sector; their contact information is below.

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