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DATE : February 3, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers

FROM: Bernie Derible
Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency
Management
Treasury Board Secretariat

SUBJECT: **Ontario's Provincial Emergency Management Strategy
and Action Plan (PEMSAP)**

I am pleased to share Ontario's [Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan](#), a roadmap for a whole-of-Ontario approach to keep the people of Ontario safe, practiced and prepared. The plan sets a foundation for emergency management in Ontario, informed by emergency events across the province, and placing the most vulnerable at the centre of planning, preparedness and mitigation. The action-oriented plan includes goals and actions designed to keep Ontario in a state of constant readiness and preparedness – both now and in the future.

Municipalities play a critical role in addressing emergencies at the local level and are the first line of emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response and recovery. The plan reinforces Emergency Management Ontario's continued partnership with municipalities to achieve our collective vision of a safe, practiced and prepared Ontario.

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks for municipal insights and partnership which informed the development of the plan.

Three goals guide Ontario's plan and will support municipalities to maintain a state of constant readiness and preparedness:

1. **One Window for all Ontarians** through [Emergency Management Ontario](#) to proactively coordinate and facilitate across emergency management partners.

2. **Proactive Planning and Monitoring** that is grounded in data, analytics and knowledge.
3. **Practiced and Prepared Emergency Response** through strengthened local capabilities, emergency management training and public education.

The plan will be further strengthened through ongoing engagement with municipalities to ensure that our province is in a state of constant readiness and preparedness.

If you have any questions regarding the Provincial Emergency Management Strategy and Action Plan, please contact your local field officer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernie Derible', with a stylized, cursive script.

Bernie Derible

Deputy Minister and Commissioner of Emergency Management
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