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To All Emergency Management Stakeholders,

We are well into the new year, with several key initiatives underway. More specifically, public alerting in Ontario is undergoing some important enhancements.

Alert Ready in Ontario is part of a national service designed to deliver critical and potentially life-saving emergency alert messages to Canadians. Emergency alerts are distributed on radio and television to help ensure Ontarians have the information they need in emergencies in order to take precautions necessary to protect themselves.

Beginning April 6, 2018, emergency alerts will also be sent from Wireless Service Providers (WSPs) over the National Aggregation and Dissemination (NAAD) System to compatible mobile devices on LTE networks. Alerts on mobile devices will warn Canadians about dangers that cause an imminent to life and property so that recipients they can take appropriate action. Wireless public alerting is geo-targeted ensuring it is relevant to those receiving the alerts (applied to specific areas of coverage).

A national public awareness campaign will launch March 26 regarding the new wireless public alerting system, with advertisements circulating on TV, radio and digital media. Provincially, Ontario will support national campaign efforts by aligning provincial social media messaging on Facebook and Twitter.

A province-wide test of the Public Alerting System will take place on May 7th at 1:55PM EDT and again on September 19th. The OFMEM website will be updated in late March to reflect the changes to the public alerting system, including FAQs, a backgrounder, and how to find out if your device is compatible with the wireless emergency alert technology.

Additionally, further promotion and awareness of the Alert Ready program will take place during Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week 2018 (May 6-12), in line with the provincial theme and focus of EP Week 2018, which is **'Be Emergency Ready – Stay Connected.'** All municipalities are encouraged to mirror provincial messaging related to the test alerting and EP Week. Additional resources and support material for EP Week are being developed, and will be available in April.

The attached document provides information about how the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) can issue an alert on behalf of a municipality, and the steps necessary to do so.

Learn more about the national [Alert Ready Program here](#). Should you have any questions or require further information about the Alert Ready Program in Ontario, please contact askofmem@ontario.ca.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross Nichols", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Ross Nichols
Fire Marshal and Chief, Emergency Management

Issuing an Alert through the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC)

Overview

The Alert Ready Program in Ontario allows the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) to issue Broadcast Immediate (BI) alerts to the public. These alerts are issued when there is an immediate threat to life or property and provide the public with protective actions to take. Alerts will be sent to radio, television and alert-capable LTE devices in geo-targeted alert areas. The PEOC will also send the alert to existing subscription lists via e-mail, text message and also to social media feeds such as Twitter and Facebook.

Any municipality, First Nation or ministry may request that the PEOC issue an alert.

Other types of alert messages, called Emergency Information Advisories, can also be issued or posted by the PEOC when:

- there is a situation of a less urgent nature which has the potential to develop into something larger or;
- a BI alert has ended and there is still a requirement for public awareness.

ALERT – Receipt and Approval of Request

The PEOC Duty Office may receive requests for alerts in one of three ways:

1. Through a request from a community official: Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), Alternate CEMC, Mayor, First Nations Chief
2. Through a request from a ministry official: Ministry Emergency Management Coordinator (MEMC), Alternate MEMC, Senior Officials
3. Through direction from the PEOC Duty Commander or Duty Operations Chief.

ALERT – Criteria

An alert **must** meet the following criteria:

1. A confirmed incident (through municipal, ministry or other officials);
2. There is an immediate or imminent threat to life, or a serious threat to public health, safety and security, or substantial damage to property; and
3. An immediate broadcast with a call to action may help reduce the potential threat to life, public safety, security or damage to property.

ALERT – Content

The requesting entity must satisfy the following critical information requirements and the PEOC Duty Officer will verify the information with the requesting agency:

1. Threat or Incident - A description of the threat or incident which has predicated the alert request;
2. Boundaries - A detailed description of the boundaries of the alert area;

3. Actions - A detailed description of what actions members of the public should take in order to protect themselves from the threat or incident;
4. Time Limit - An expiry date and time (usually not more than two hours from the time of issue);
and
5. Further Information - How to receive additional information.



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March 15, 2018

**SUBJECT: Approved 2018/2019 Annual Work Schedule
Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit**

Dear Sir/Madam:

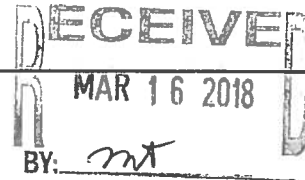
The 2018/2019 Annual Work Schedule for the Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit is approved as of March 15, 2018. On the reverse is a copy of the public inspection notice that will be appearing in several newspapers in communities that surround Algonquin Provincial Park.

Please feel free to contact any of the offices listed in the public notice to discuss Algonquin Park forestry operations for the coming year. Ontario Parks staff and staff of the Algonquin Forestry Authority would be pleased to go over any details with you.

Yours truly,

David Coulas
Park Superintendent
Algonquin Provincial Park
Ontario Parks

C. Gord Cumming, AFA, Huntsville



INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2018 – 2019 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

The **Algonquin Park Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** has reviewed and approved the April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Algonquin Park Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) offices in Huntsville and Pembroke and the Ontario Government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 15, 2018** and for the one-year duration of the AWS.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The AFA is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, AFA Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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