



Rural Disaster Resilience Project Resources

Information Guide: Newfoundland and Labrador

General Information

Fire and Emergency Services Newfoundland and Labrador

The Fire and Emergency Services Newfoundland and Labrador (FESNL) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards, including information regarding Regional Managers and staff throughout the province who are able to take calls and do their best to answer any questions about hazards that you may have.

Deer Lake Region Tel: (709) 635-4153 Fax: (709) 635-4163 Mailing Address: 2 Wellon Drive Deer Lake, Newfoundland and Labrador A8A 2G5	Grand Falls-Windsor Region Tel: (709) 292-4414 Tel: (709) 292-4078 Fax: (709) 292-4415 Location: 27B Hardy Avenue Mailing Address: 3 Corner Avenue Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland and Labrador A2A 1W9
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<http://www.gov.nl.ca/fes/index.html>

The FESNL website provides detailed information as to Environment Canada forecasts, Hurricane Watch updates, general weather advisories, provincial road conditions, Public Safety Canada alerts, Natural Resource Canada forest fire alerts, Health Canada advisories, Canadian Food Inspection Agency food recalls, and National Resource Canada alerts.



As well as providing either direct information or links to alerts and warnings, the FESNL website provides hazards information on:

Fires	Extreme Weather
Influenza	Mold
Search and Rescue Operations	Power Outages
Hurricanes	Hazardous Materials
Flooding	Earthquakes
Severe Storms	Avalanches
Storm Surges	Landslides
Tornados	Tsunamis

Local District Contacts

The website below provides a starting point for identifying local district contacts for your community.

In Newfoundland and Labrador contact information for municipal districts is available at http://www.ma.gov.nl.ca/ma/municipal_directory/lsd_directory2008.pdf

Areas and Districts

School Districts

For School Districts in Newfoundland and Labrador go to <http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/schoolsdistricts/districts.html>

Electoral Boundaries and Districts

The Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency has a “Maps” section which may be helpful <http://www.stats.gov.nl.ca/Maps/>

Territorial Policing

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

You can locate Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Detachments at <http://www.rnc.gov.nl.ca/>

You can locate RCMP Detachments in Newfoundland and Labrador at <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/nl/detach/index-eng.htm>

Fire Protection Areas

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

Newfoundland and Labrador Fire Departments can be contacted for fire protection area information at

<http://www.firehall.com/departments.php?prov=nl>

Territorial Geological Organization

In Newfoundland and Labrador see the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador

<http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/mines&en/geosurvey/>

Geography - General

The Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency has a "Maps" section which may be helpful

<http://www.stats.gov.nl.ca/Maps/>

Civil Emergency Measures Act

Newfoundland and Labrador: Emergency Services Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Newfoundland and Labrador is called the Emergency Services Act

<http://assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/e09-1.htm>

There are a few definitions and legal requirements under the Act which are important to understand (note that this list is selected from a larger list and the text has, in some cases, been edited for length).

"agency" means Fire and Emergency Services - Newfoundland and Labrador

"assistance agreement" means an agreement to provide assistance in a time of declared emergency by way of human and other resources made under the authority of section 16

"business continuity plan" means a document containing procedures and guidelines to help recover and restore government's essential services to normal operational status within an acceptable time frame following an emergency or disruptive event

"CEO" means the chief executive officer appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to administer the agency

"council" includes the council of a municipality, a regional council, a local service district committee, a regional emergency management committee and an Inuit Community Council created under the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement as defined in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act

"director" means the Director of Emergency Services

"emergency" means a real or anticipated event or an unforeseen combination of circumstances which necessitates the immediate action or prompt co-ordination of action as declared or renewed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, the minister, a regional emergency management committee or a council

"emergency management plan" means a plan, program or procedure prepared by

- (a) the province; or
- (b) a council in writing and approved by the director which is intended to prepare for, respond to, mitigate the effects of and recover from an emergency and to provide for the health, safety and well-being of persons and the protection of property and the environment

"minister" means the minister appointed under the Executive Council Act to administer this Act

"municipality" means a municipality under the Municipalities Act, 1999 , the City of St. John's, the City of Mount Pearl and the City of Corner Brook and, for the purpose of this Act, includes a local service district and an Inuit community referred to in section 8.2 of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act

"police officer" means a member of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

"regional emergency management committee" means a committee consisting of

- (a) representative of councils of municipalities,
- (b) committees of local service districts, or
- (c) other persons representing unincorporated areas which is responsible for the development and implementation of a regional plan

"regional plan" means an emergency management plan made by a regional emergency management committee

Thus, municipalities are broadly defined to include both cities and service districts, in addition to the Inuit community outlined in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement Act. In the same regard, councils are broadly defined to include diverse leadership structures in each type of municipality outlined. In terms of authority, municipalities must report to the Director of Emergency Services:

- (2) An emergency management plan shall, before adoption by a municipality, be submitted to the director for review, and a council shall make any changes required by the director so that the plan may be approved by the director before the plan is adopted by a council.

Community History

Provincial archives are a great place to search for early history on your community – it may be a bit confusing to access information at first, so take some time to get orientated to each website.

Newfoundland and Labrador Archives
http://www.anla.nf.ca/alphabetical_index.html

Community Information

Newfoundland and Labrador's Department of Environment and Conservation has several interactive "Maps" sections which may be helpful

<http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/waterres/gis/>

General Territorial Statistics

You can find statistics on the Department of Finance's Newfoundland and Labrador Statistics Agency website

<http://www.stats.gov.nl.ca/>

Vital Statistics

Newfoundland and Labrador

<http://www.gs.gov.nl.ca/departement/branches/divisions/vs.html>

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Forest and Wild Fires

<http://www.gov.nl.ca/fes/fireprotection/index.html>

Floods

<http://www.heritage.nf.ca/environment/floods.html>