

To: Safety and Facilities Services Committee

From: Adam Grant, Commissioner,  
Safety and Facilities Services Department

Report Number: SF-24-11

Date of Report: April 10, 2024

Date of Meeting: April 15, 2024

Subject: Emergency Preparedness Week

Ward: All Wards

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## **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to recognize and raise awareness about Emergency Preparedness Week and highlight public engagement initiatives from May 5-11, 2024.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

That the Safety and Facilities Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Report SF-24-11, dated April 10, 2024 concerning Emergency Preparedness Week, be received for information.

## **3.0 Executive Summary**

Not applicable.

## **4.0 Input From Other Sources**

- Fire Services

## **5.0 Analysis**

### **5.1 Background**

In accordance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9 ("Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act"; formerly the Emergency Plans Act, 1983), there is a requirement for municipalities, ministers of the Crown, and designated agencies, boards, commissions, and other branches of government to develop and implement emergency management programs consisting of emergency plans, training

programs and exercises, public education, and any other elements prescribed by regulation.

Emergency preparedness is one of the five pillars of Emergency Management:

- Prevention
- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

Since 1996, Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week has been established as a national awareness initiative supported by Public Safety Canada.

By continuously fostering a culture of emergency preparedness through public awareness and education, residents will be able to reduce their vulnerability in an emergency.

## **5.2 Emergency Preparedness Week**

The purpose of EP Week is to educate residents on the appropriate preparedness strategies to mitigate the impact of an emergency situation while cultivating and developing a culture of emergency preparedness starting at home.

During EP Week, public engagement activities organized by Oshawa Fire Services will be centered on understanding the risks, developing a plan and building emergency kits.

The theme for 2024 is “Be Prepared. Know Your Risks”. Some of the activities during EP Week include but are not limited to:

- Emergency Preparedness Week Kick Off
- Emergency Preparedness Open House at Fire Hall 5
- Social Media Engagement
  - Emergency Kits
  - Emergency Plan
- Oshawa Power Presentation to City Staff on Power Restoration and Emergency Response

## **6.0 Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications directly related to this report.

## **7.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan**

This report addresses the Oshawa Strategic Plan by responding to the goals of Accountable Leadership and Social Equity.

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Stephen Barkwell, Fire Chief,  
Fire Services

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