MUNICIPALITY OF TEMAGAMI



After Action Report

2018 Emergency Declaration

North Bay 069 Forest Fire July 8 - 23, 2018

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this After Actions Report is to provide a final report to members of Council and the Emergency Management Program Committee on the emergency declaration, events during the emergency, and recommendations in which direction can be provided towards improved efficiencies in the Emergency Plan, and operations of the Municipal Emergency Control Group, and support agencies.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An Emergency was declared by the Municipality on July 8th at 5:45 PM for a Forest Fire threatening an area south of the town of Temagami, including the town of Temagami. The emergency tested the operational ability of the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) and supporting agencies in implementing decisions for the safety of the residents in the affected area. The Emergency management process identified in the Emergency Plan was utilized within the Emergency Control Group meetings in Emergency Operations Centre worked as it was designed, especially during the initial meeting when emergency was declared. The number of participants increased as the emergency progressed, partially due to numerous representatives for each agency, to the evolving and expanding issues associated with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry establishing an Emergency Area Order / Implementation Order that impacted the Marten River and Lake Temagami areas. The MECG members performed well under the stress of the emergency, developing new knowledge and templates that will be implemented in the Emergency Plan for future activations / events. A summary of key events during the emergency declaration are provided, from initial declaration meeting, through to the emergency termination and the debriefing meeting. A number of suggestions from the debriefing meeting have been captured in the list of recommendations for improving the capacity and capabilities of the Emergency Control Group and supporting agencies.

OVERVIEW

The North Bay district had 3 intense lightning storms, with little accompanying rain, go through the area on June 30th, July 3rd and July 6th that resulted in multiple fires in the North Bay Fire Management area. North Bay Fire # 010 was discovered/reported July 2nd. On July 8th, there were 29 fires confirmed burning in the North Bay District, of which 19 were with-in the Municipality, including fires threatening Marten River area (NOR #42 & #46), the town of Temagami (NOR #69). There was also additional initial reports of fires (approximately 30) that had not been confirmed/verified.

Ministry Of Natural Resources were stretched extremely thin, with fires being prioritized for assigning resources/crews based on protecting human life, property as secondary priority and forest landscape the lowest priority. Low fire indices in the west of the province allowed for re-positioning of most of the provincial air attack/support resources to the Northeast and to the fires occurring in the North Bay and Sudbury Fire Management Areas; possibly one of the most fortunate circumstances for the Town of Temagami.

PARTICIPANTS -

- Head of Council Mayor Hunter, / Acting Mayor O'Mara
- Community Emergency Control Coordinator (& operations officer) B. Koski
- Fire Departments Chief Sanderson (TFD) & Chief Elliott (MRFD)
- EMS/Ambulance S. Poirier / J. Steward
- Public Works B. Turcotte
- Ontario Provincial Police, duty officers, communications staff
- Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry
 - o Conservation officers, District Liaison officer,
 - o Fire Team: Team leader, communications officer, information officer
 - Speaker Phone: North Bay Fire & Aviation, District Manager, Enforcement Supervisor,
 Regional Communications,
- Ontario Provincial Parks K. Pinkerton
- OFMEM Emergency Management J. Stothers / P. Geoffrion
- Temiskaming Health Department R. Duval
- Evacuation Coordinator T. Lapage
- Emergency Information Officer & Scribe R. St Germain
- Temagami Non-Profit Housing manager M. Rinker
- Temagami First Nation
- Hydro One rep (phone limited involvement)
- Union Gas, Trans-Canada gas (phone limited involvement)
- Councillors: J. Harding, R. Prefasi, C. Lowery (observer)
- Municipal staff: C. Davidson, M. Cummings (observer)

Chronological Summary of the Emergency Event

July 8th:

On the morning of July 8th MNRF North Bay fire had 29 active lightening caused fires, 9 additional fires discovered on July 8th, including North Bay #69 and #72.

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Fire Management (MNRF Fire) were focusing on 2 fires (North Bay # 42 & 46) in the Marten River area. Based on forecasted fire weather for the day, MNRF Fire contacted the Marten River Provincial Park manager regarding the potential threat and a pro-active decision was made by the park manager to close the Marten River Park & evacuate campers in an orderly fashion.

Several fires on the west shore of Lake Temagami were a high priority, including NOR #64 & #65 located south of the Lake Temagami Access road.

At 11:00 AM, MNRF requested Temagami Fire Department (TFD) provide values protection on the Lake Temagami access road, and subsequently to assist establishing a trail towards NOR #64 to assist incoming fire ranger crews to reach the fire.

At 3:30 PM, North Bay fire #69 was confirmed, approximately 15 hectares In size, 6 Km southeast the town of Temagami.

At 3:30 PM, concerned for values threatened TFD re-deployed for fires reported near Highway 11.

At 4:15 PM TFD staged response vehicles on Highway 11 near Carol Lake, where the developing mushroom smoke cloud from Fire NB 069 could be seen. Aggressive Fire behaviour and explosive growth (15 METERS/SECOND) did not permit putting any ground crews in front of the fire, and quickly raised the concern that the community of Temagami was threatened/needed to be evacuated. All available MNRF water bombers were redirected off existing fires to action the fire. MNRF Fire contacted the Temagami Fire Chief, Finlayson Provincial Park and OPP regarding the imminent threat and need to evacuate areas in front of the fire's path. With water bombers pulled off of fire #42 & #46 in the Marten River area, Marten River Fire Department was requested by MNRF to assist with evacuating cottagers on the west side of Red Cedar lake area.

Issue identified: MNRF had difficulty contacting the municipality as contact information for the Municipality was office phone #'s, and had not been updated regarding the Municipal CAO & the municipal Clerk. MNRF was able to contact the Fire Chief by cell.

EMERGENCY CONTROL GROUP - INITIAL MEETING - 5:00 PM July 8th

At 4:30 PM The CEMC contacted members of the community Emergency Control group and the first meeting was held at 5:00 PM at the Temagami municipal office. 11 persons present + MNRF North Bay Fire Supervisor & District Manager on phone.

MNRF Fire quickly outlined the threat and the extent Fire 69 could reach before the fire's progress could be contained /stopped that evening. With immediate concern for life, the Emergency Control Group recommended the Municipality declare an Emergency, accepting MNRF recommendation for areas to be evacuate (to the north), and areas to be prepared to evacuate if required. The initial area identified for evacuation was all area south of the town to Jesse Lake; and placing an evacuation alert on the town of Temagami (Temagami south), and the area from Jesse Lake to the lake Temagami Access Road.

Emergency declaration signed July 8th at 5:45 pm

Initially Actions/ focus: threat to Town from North Bay 069 and public safety / ensure area from Jesse Lake to south of the town is evacuated; secondary is values protection – Temagami Marina

- OPP evacuation notification boots on the ground evacuating residents in the evacuation zone secondary was notification within the town of Temagami (Temagami South)
- Evacuation Coordinator contacting Temiskaming Shores advising them of the situation –
 determining the number of evacuees needing accommodations where to send them (no
 process/procedure templates to follow)
- Temagami Fire obtain resources through Mutual Aid for values protection for the evening / through the night
- Public Works install close road signage @ Temagami Marine road, open the Temagami Community Center for evacuees (warming center)
- CEMC, communications officer & Mayor Emergency declaration to PEOC; develop Municipal statement respond to media / municipalities offering support
- **Municipal statement** Evacuation area identified, Temagami South on standby evacuation, Temagami North are to be on alert evacuate to the north. Marten River has evacuated some roads and is on standby evacuation notice they are to go south; Lake Temagami residents are

to stay where they are and be on alert – the arena in Temagami north is open for people to go there

OPP, Provincial Park's staff quickly evacuated all campers from the park, forcing them to leave their valuables behind. OPP did a house by house notification to residents for the area from Temagami Shores to Jesse Lake, advising them to evacuate to the north (no other specifics); stopping boaters from coming into town / keeping the water bomber pick-up area clear of boat traffic.

EMERGENCY CONTROL GROUP – SECOND MEETING – 8:00 PM July 8th -19 persons present + agencies on phone

MNRF had 9 water bombers at one point on fire - intensity slowing down – optimistic pending values protection set up at Temagami Marina tonight; town OK for now concern is tomorrow with forecasted winds/weather, more resources coming

No Hydro on the lake – concerns L Temagami Access road possibly compromised – status unknown – Hydro won't restore power until safety of the hydro line is known

Health unit concerns of residents with respiratory issues – smoke will settle low overnight – should get those residents out of area

Evacuation area completed – security provided for area evacuated (looting concern) – Bell Island identified in the path of the fire/ threatened – included into the evacuated area

Resources through mutual aid to provide values protection through the night. Lots of support offered from neighbouring communities (North Bay, Kirkland, Temiskaming Shores...)

Municipal statement – area in front of the fire under emergency evacuation order, evacuation standby for areas around/near the fire zone or near town of Temagami - MNRF reports fire crews making progress, additional resources on route – local fire departments have sent resources to coordinate efforts with Temagami FD - contact phone #s provided

Issues on Day 1:

- Access to the Emergency Plan binders (stored in the Municipal vault), contact information for Emergency Community Control Group
- No pre-prepared evacuation plan templates (message) to provide to residents, being asked to evacuate & those on notice for potential evacuation
- No information for residents at the evacuation / warming center
- Misinformation: Reported that 1 individual was telling residents to evacuate immediately (misinformation) that resulted in lots of confusion and anxiety for some residents.
- Lake Temagami residents without power, no formal method(s) how to get information; was the access road open/closed could they evacuate if needed & where would they go.

July 9th

Town very smokey – some residents with respiratory issues voluntarily left last night; Hwy 11 remains open, Lake Temagami access road travelable; Hydro to the lake remained shut-off, high tension wires were on "single shot shut-down" mode overnight, returned to normal in the morning, power restored on Lake Temagami mid-day.

MNRF issues Emergency Area Order, and implementation order EAO-2018-01-NOR01 at 17:00 hrs - boundaries drawn down the middle of Lake Temagami.

Three ECG meetings 9:00AM, 2:00PM, 7:30PM

- With all resources /water bombers committed to #69 Fire yesterday Fires #042 & 072 took major runs; Fire 72 12,000 to 20,00- ha NUC. Fire 69 estimated at 100 to 120 ha. Concern with fire growth/ fire behaviour today, and a storm coming with west winds that could push fire to Hwy; getting crews on the ground a priority
- EMO support staff arrived for morning meeting
- Arena open for evacuees, closed road to the Temagami tower
- A detailed evacuation plan, using Kirkland Lake as a template, was being developed
- Health unit issuing information related to concerns of smoke and respiratory issues
- Provincial Parks closed interior (backcountry) parks all parks closed until at least July 16th
- EMS up-staffed to 2 full crews, 24 hours/day
- Little information provided during the 7:30 PM EMCG meeting on MNRF's Emergency Area Order (no map)

Municipal statement following the MECG 9:00AM meeting – emergency evacuation order identified south of town to Jesse Lake remains in effect, evacuation standby for areas around/near the fire zone or near town of Temagami remain in place, Temagami arena remains open - provided contact information for those requiring information/accommodations as a result of the evacuation

Municipal statement following the MECG 2:00PM meeting – reports from the fire near Temagami are positive, MNRF assessing the fire, not in position to change evacuation orders - emergency evacuated area& evacuation standby for areas around/near the fire zone or near town of Temagami remain in place - provided contact information for those requiring information/accommodations as a result of the evacuation

Municipal statement following the MECG 7:00PM meeting - Current conditions around the town of Temagami seem to stabilized, number of serious fires in the area. Incident management command team being assigned to the fires in the area. Provincial Parks in the area are closed, all interior and back country travel is discouraged/restricted. Contact Parks for information on retrieving your belongings

July 10th

Smokey in town during early morning hours, cleared up during the day. MNRF - reports on the fire near Temagami are positive. Businesses inside the evacuation zone staffed –not open for business – some evacuated residents started trickling back home / inside the evacuated area during the day, OPP were monitoring, recommending residents who returned to leave

Two MECG meetings @ 10:00 AM, & 7:00 PM

- Priority NB 069, estimated at 125ha; received 3-5 mils of rain on Fire #69 in afternoon; NB #55 estimated at 40-50ha values protection in work
- Evacuation on going support, no return yet high alert. Type1 crew in Temagami Link lake
 assign district liaison soon
- OPP / MNR joint patrols for parks; Marine patrol on L Temagami all youth camps to be visited with MNR officers. OPP / conservation officers spreading the word on Lake

Temagami – some discrepancy on what the message was (some saying evacuate, some saying vacate)

- MNRF district representative finally attends MECG meeting in person (7:00 PM)
- MNRF Implementation Order July 9 and Map living document, list roads, will add roads, patrol behind blockades, firm grip on restrictions

July 11th

- 19 fires in Municipality, 44 in North Bay district.
- Fire 72, Lady Evelyn smoke columns could be seen from Temagami

Communication and Information (MECG sub-group) meeting – 8:00am - Attended by Municipal, OPP and MNRF communications personnel and numerous members of the MECG.

- Told the Area Order / Implementation Order Map being tweaked living document, takes time to make changes. A Need to make notice clear re: getting to cottages on water – no in hatched access; Make notice clear regarding leaving cottage
- Provided Information on evacuating residents, Municipality can tell people to leave, conditions when can force someone to leave are very narrow (i.e. can't put children in danger – can't force parents to leave, but can remove children; for mental health reasons...)

One MECG meetings @ 17:00 PM

- Fire 69 will see smoke for a while some pop ups in spruce & cedar patches look good, same with 55
- Area Order / Implementation Order map 2 critical changes readjusting the boundary of the hatched area to west shoreline of Lake Temagami, removed off Bear Island; Get communications out re hatched area – relook at map order, need good communication re restricted zone - Don't use evacuation – suggest vacate (can return with permit)
- TFN issued release pow-wow cancelled, Working on emergency preparedness plan, Temagami First Nation representatives at MECG meeting – advised they are preparing evacuation plan - need assistance (OFMEM will attend their meetings)
- Put up notice boards at access points (re: Area Order / Implementation Order)
- Municipal statement fire ban, RFZ, 19 active fires in the Municipality, mandatory
 evacuation orders have been downgraded to an evacuation alert. Residents may return
 home remain on alert to evacuate if required, kept areas that were on alert on similar
 status; MNRF has implemented travel restrictions (roads named)

July 12th

Communication and Information (MECG sub-group) meeting – 8:00am - Attended by Municipal, OPP and MNRF communications personnel and numerous members of the MECG.

One MECG meetings @ 7:00 PM

Community Notice - Restriction Fire Zone (RFZ) and Implementation Order (IO) – first notice with
 Municipal letterhead on it - travel restrictions, Implementation order in place, as outlined in IO-2018-02 map

July 13th – One MECG meetings @ 7:00 PM

Municipal statement – identical to July 11th statement. Community notice – similar to July 12th notice with updated Implementation Order Map (IO-2018-05) – Map showed the boundary of implementation order area moved to west shoreline of Lake Temagami

July 14th - One MECG meetings @ 7:00 PM

 Municipal statement – focus of the statement was on travel in the Temagami area, Hwy 11 open, Boat travel on Lake Temagami permitted – access to backcountry areas restricted. (IO-2018-03-NOR07) – announcement of information center scheduled for July 17th Community notice – similar to July 12th notice (reference IO-2018003-NOR07 map)

July 16th - One MECG meetings @ 7:00 PM

• EMS back to regular shifts (1 crew in the day, on call at night)

July 17th – **community information session** – well attended – feedback from the community was the session was appreciated, fantastic information, would have liked it sooner

July 18th - One MECG meetings @ 7:00 PM

Municipal statement – North Bay #69 has been downgraded from Being Held to Under Control.
 Temagami fire tower road and Tower are now open. Similar messaging to July 14th statement (RFZ< no open burning, travel restrictions associated with Implementation Order.

July 23rd - One MECG meetings @ 7:00 PM

Emergency Terminated July 23rd at 7:34

July 24th - Municipal statement & community notice

- implementation order in place, references IO-2018-08-NOR09 map
- Fifth bullet point: The Municipality of Temagami ended the declared emergency, repeat info on the Restricted Travel Zone and Restricted Fire Zone, Implementation order access restrictions

August 23rd – MECG meet @ 9:30 AM

- Emergency Debriefing exercise. Attendance was limited / invitations sent out to the head of each agency that was a participant. Most agencies were represented
- Was a success got everybody out of harm's way no values lost.
- Always be that appearance of chaos at the onset of an emergency as agencies start mobilizing; the urgency of the emergency situation usually dictates limited communications as agencies respond to the incident and start implementing tasks. Communications can always be improved on – got better once got our legs underneath us. Recognize inability to control messaging by the public (i.e. Facebook/ twitter, tell a friend)
- EMCG Members felt supported by group expertize made excellent decisions given the situation
- Things worked well:
 - o once a base-camp was set up
 - o once MNR physically at the table
 - Once the ECG input provided / lake bottom figured out re: Implementation order
 - o Good maps on day 3 / 4
 - Message boards at lake access points worked excellent
 - Public Information session excellent tool timing based on MNRF availability

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Communication Plan
 - a. Pre-prepared templates Utilize ones developed have digital versions easily accessible for public information officer (have some paper copies)
 - b. Lay out how it will be implemented must be achievable inform public ahead of time where to find official messages
 - i. Message boards temporary to catch public's attention if achievable, install at: Lake Temagami Access point, Municipal office, Community Hall & Marten River Fire Hall – must keep boards updated daily or remove
 - ii. Promote Municipal Facebook page as "official source" all municipal statements were posted in timely manner (under-utilised by the community)
 - c. Official messages need to be on Municipal letterhead (dated/numbered consecutively for ease of reference)
 - d. PUT municipal message AHEAD of other agencies (accept outside agency input, but municipality should make final decision on wording)
- 2. Contact list in the Plan
 - a. more timely updating of staff contact information
 - b. Inform MECG support agencies of changes provide to other agencies on request
- 3. Timing of Emergency Plan Desktop Exercises
 - a. MEPC should plan the timing of the annual emergency exercise with the appropriate season (don't do forest fires in winter time)
- 4. Municipal Emergency Control Group
 - a. TOO MANY in EMCG meetings some meetings were over 30 individuals present
 - i. Restrict attendance to MECG meetings only MECG & support agencies
- 5. Update Emergency Plan
 - a. realign Municipal Emergency Control Group to a core group with most agencies as MECG Support Agencies (as required)
 - b. Identify specific staff to specific roles job specific annual minimum training targets needed (followed-up with cross training with limited staff resources)
 - c. Review notification process
 - d. Review / revise checklists/templates know who's at the table (& teleconference)
- 6. Emergency Evacuation
 - a. Where to go develop agreement with Temiskaming Shores (host community)
 - b. Who is accounting for residents as they leave
 - c. Better definition of the intended purpose of arena (evacuation or warming center)
 - d. No supplies / no information for the public / hours of operation at the arena
 - e. No templates in the plan for evacuation/evacuees— developed several as the incident evolved incorporate into the plan (appendix)
- 7. Lead Agencies MUST be Physically at the Emergency Operations Table
 - a. If encounter difficulty getting lead government agencies to physically attend MECG meetings, demand the EMO officer use PEOC resources to encourage their attendance.
- 8. Maps difficult without any large sized maps available/ displayed the first 3 days

- a. Municipality infrastructure required to produce large maps replace / purchase new map plotter
- b. Investigate ability to include property (911) numbers on mapping
- c. Maintain large scale maps for town & townsite with Emergency management supplies

9. Area Order / implementation orders was OUSIDE the scope of the MECG

Created a massive impact on the Municipality with originally defining roads systems and then creating an outside boundary edge based on little understanding of Temagami Lake access points

- Municipality SHOULD HAVE BEEN involved at inception boundary decisions impacted our residents – a whole lot of confusion could have been avoided if only MNRF had preconsulted the boundary edge of the implementation order with the Municipality
- Confusion with first map released ran down middle of the lake splitting islands in half, including Bear Island / Temagami First Nation, - implemented Emergency Plan, was preparing to evacuate
- Perception that MNRF had NO LOCAL KNOWLEDGE of the Lake Temagami area (access pts. on L Temagami)
- Confusion within MNR what the order was Evacuate / Vacate what it meant to
 private residences within the implementation zone(s)

APPENDIX A

Municipal Statements Community Notices Municipality of Temagami Statement July 8 @ 5:30 pm

Municipality of Temagami has declared an Emergency in accordance with the Emergency Management Act.

The Temagami South (Town of Temagami) is on Standby Evacuation

From the South Boundary of Temagami (Temagami Shores) to Jesse Lake is on Mandatory Evacuation. People from this area are to go North.

From Jesse Lake to the Lake Temagami Access Road are on standby evacuation notice. They are to go North.

Temagami North (The Townsite) are to be on alert.

There are major fires in Marten River. Marten River is evacuating some roads and is on standby evacuation notice. They are to go South

Lake Temagami Residents are advised to stay where they are and be on alert.

The Arena in Temagami North is open for people to go there.

The Emergency Management Team has met and will be meeting again this evening and will give updates on the situation as needed. Please stay safe.

Municipality of Temagami Statement – Updated Fire Situation in Temagami at 9 pm July 8, 2018 – From Acting Mayor Dan O'Mara.

Emergency Management Committee met at 8:30 pm

Mandatory Evacuation Order from Temagami Shores at South end of the town to Jesse Lake remains in effect along with evacuation standby for areas around or near fire zone near the Town of Temagami.

Reports from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry are that fire crews are making progress and will continue working the fire until dark and will resume attack efforts at dawn. There are additional crews and resources on route.

Other local fire departments have sent resources to the town and will be coordinating efforts with the Temagami Fire Department and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. We have also been contacted by a number of our neighbouring communities who have offered their support.

The Emergency Management Committee will hold a meeting at 9 am Monday morning to update the situation.

If you have concerns please call Dan O'Mara 705-237-8460 or Brian Koski at 705-569-4522.

Emergency Management Committee met at 9:00 am July 9, 2018

Mandatory Evacuation Orders from Temagami Shores at the South edge of the town of Temagami to Jesse Lake remains in effect. Evacuation standby for areas around or near the fire zone near the Town of Temagami will remain in effect until further notice. The situation will continue to be monitored as the day progresses. The Emergency Management Committee will meet again at 2 pm July 9, 2018.

Reports from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry were positive and crews are on scene at present evaluating and dealing with issues. Assessment Teams will be out and will be update as things progress.

Highway 11 North is open and the Lake Temagami Access Road is travelable.

Hydro issues on Lake Temagami should be resolved in the next few hours providing the current conditions remain as they are.

The Temagami Arena in the Temagami North (Temagami Townsite) is open for those who need a place to go. Accommodation needs should be reported to the Municipality of Temagami office at 705-569-3421 and ask for Tammy Lepage.

The Municipality will be receiving updates on other fires in the area, especially Fire NB42 near Red Cedar Lake.

Updates and issues dealing with the two Provincial Parks that were evacuated will be handled by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and they will be issuing their own updates and media releases.

The Temiskaming Health Unit will be issuing information related to concerns of the smoke and respiratory issues.

Please contact the Municipality of Temagami Office at 705-569-3421 if you have any questions or concerns. Further updates will be provided after the next meeting scheduled for 2:00 pm this afternoon.

Municipality of Temagami Statement – Current Fire Situation - July 9, 2018 @ 2 pm Emergency Management Committee met at 2:00 pm July 9, 2018

Reports on the Fires near Temagami are positive. Further updates on other major fires in the area will be provided as they become available. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Officials are currently assessing the fire near Temagami and are not in a position to change existing evacuation orders. Therefore Mandatory Evacuation Orders from Temagami Shores at the South edge of the town of Temagami to Jesse Lake remains in effect. Evacuation standby for areas around or near the fire zone near the Town of Temagami will remain in effect until further notice, including the Evacuation Orders for Finlayson Point and Marten River Provincial Parks. The situation will continue to be monitored as the day progresses.

Officials continue to review and set up plans in the event the fire activity increases and an evacuation is needed.

Highway 11 North is open and the Lake Temagami Access Road is travelable. Strathcona Road remains closed. The Temagami Fire Tower Road remains closed with no access allowed to the Fire Tower.

Hydro has been restored to Lake Temagami.

We are advising the public who are planning to use the parks in the Temagami area to check the Ontario Parks website as Provincial and Interior Parks closures are in effect. Go to www.ontarioparks.com for more information.

Anyone requiring accommodation as a result of the evacuation should contact the Municipality of Temagami office at 705-569-3421 and ask for Tammy Lepage during regular office hours.

Please contact the Municipality of Temagami Office at 705-569-3421 if you have any questions or concerns.

Further updates will be provided after the next Emergency Management Committee meeting scheduled for 7:30 pm July 9, 2018.

Municipality of Temagami Statement – Current Fire Situation - July 9, 2018 @ 8:30 pm – From Acting Mayor Dan O'Mara

Emergency Management Committee met at 7:30 pm July 9, 2018

Based on reviews by Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Fire Behaviour Analysts, an Incident Management Command Team will be assuming responsibility for the firefighting efforts tomorrow, and a concern that the fire situation can change very quickly, all existing Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Alerts are to remain in place.

Current conditions around the town of Temagami seem to have stabilized for the moment, however there are a number of serious fires throughout our area. All Provincial Parks in the area are now closed and all interior and back country travel is discouraged/restricted. Please contact Ontario Parks at www.ontarioparks.com for more information.

If you were staying at Finlayson Point or Marten River Provincial Park please contact the Park directly for information on retrieving your belongings.

Please contact the Municipality of Temagami Office at 705-569-3421 during office hours if you have any questions or concerns. For afterhours immediate concerns only please contact Dan O'Mara 705-237-8460 or Brian Koski at 705-569-4522.

Further updates will be provided after the next Emergency Management Committee meeting scheduled for 10:00 am July 10, 2018.

Municipality of Temagami Statement – Current Fire Situation - July 10, 2018 @ 11:30 am – From Mayor Lorie Hunter

Emergency Management Committee met at 10:00 am July 10, 2018

Reports on the fires near Temagami are positive. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) officials are currently assessing the fire near Temagami and are not in a position to change existing evacuation orders. Therefore Mandatory Evacuation Orders from Temagami Shores at the South edge of the town of Temagami to Jessie Lake, including Finlayson Point Provincial Park, remain in effect. The Mandatory Evacuation Order for Marten River Provincial Park remains in effect. Evacuation standby for the Town of Temagami and surrounding area, will remain in effect until further notice.

The situation will continue to be monitored as the day progresses and officials will continue to review and set up plans in the event the fire activity increases. For Fire Related inquiries contact: Isabelle Chenard (MNRF) at: isabelle.chenard@ontario.ca or 705-564-6156.

Strathcona Road and the Temagami Fire Tower Road remain closed with no access permitted to the Fire Tower.

All Provincial Parks in the area are now closed and all interior and back country travel is restricted. Visit Ontario Parks at www.ontarioparks.com for when the restrictions will be lifted.

If you were staying at Finlayson Point or Marten River Provincial Park please contact the Park directly for information on retrieving your belongings.

Anyone requiring accommodation as a result of the evacuation should contact the Municipality of Temagami office at 705-569-3421 x 210 and ask for Tammy Lepage during business hours.

Please contact the Municipality of Temagami Office at 705-569-3421 during business hours if you have any questions or concerns. For after-hours immediate MNRF concerns, please contact 1-888-310-3473 (FIRE).

Further updates will be provided after the next Emergency Management Committee meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm July 10, 2018.

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Temagami Marine Road (Strathcona Road) and the Temagami Fire Tower Road remain closed with no access permitted to the Fire Tower.

All Provincial Parks in the area are now closed and all interior and back country travel is restricted. Visit Ontario Parks at www.ontarioparks.com for when the restrictions will be lifted.

For after-hours immediate MNRF concerns, please contact 1-888-310-3473 (FIRE).

Further updates will be provided after the next Emergency Management Committee meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm July 11, 2018.

Municipality of Temagami Statement – Current Fire Situation Update – July 11, 2018 at 8:30 p.m. from Mayor Lorie Hunter.

The Municipality of Temagami is currently under a fire ban. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) have issued a restricted fire zone order for the area.

Due to the extreme fire hazard, several recent periods of heavy lightning and the large number of wildfires burning, the MNRF has implemented a Restricted Fire Zone in some areas of Northeastern Ontario as outlined on the interactive fire map at ontario.co/forestfire. No open burning, including campfires, is permitted within the boundaries of a Restricted Fire Zone. Portable gas stoves may be used for cooking and warmth BUT must be handled with extreme caution. All burning permits are suspended. Follow Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services on Twitter @ONforestfires.

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Access to these areas is restricted and road blocks will be set-up to notify the public of the closure. Travel restrictions are in place and permits are required to travel through this area. Within the area, no Crown land camping, no day trips, no hiking, no ATVs and no access to private or commercial camps or cottages are permitted.

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Municipality of Temagami Statement – Current Fire Situation Update – July 12, 2018 at 8:17 p.m. from Mayor Lorie Hunter.

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RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE (RFZ) & IMPLEMENTATION ORDER (IO)

Community Notice (as of July 12, 2018)

- 1. An Implementation Order (IO) for travel restrictions is in effect in the Temagami area. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is restricting access to areas due to safety hazard created by increased fire activity.
- 2. The MNRF has restricted travel as outlined on the IO-2018-02 map to ensure public safety where there is increased fire activity. The hatched area (shaded) on the map, details the restricted area.
- 3. There is currently a high volume of fires burning in the Municipality of Temagami.
- 4. The Municipality of Temagami has declared an emergency. Although you may not see or smell these fires, they are actively burning.
- 5. **Public safety is absolutely paramount.** These conditions change frequently. Check the website daily at: **ontario.ca/forestfire** for the most up to date accurate information.
- 6. For inquiries on the Implementation Order access restrictions and the current map, contact: 705-475-5546. For any fire related inquiries please contact the Fire Officer at: 705-564-6165.
- 7. The Community Control Group meets daily and will provide updates once they become available.

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Municipality of Temagami Statement – Current Fire Situation Update – July 13, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. from Mayor Lorie Hunter.

The Municipality of Temagami is currently under a fire ban. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) have issued a restricted fire zone order for the area.

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RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE (RFZ) & IMPLEMENTATION ORDER (IO)

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- 2. The MNRF has restricted travel as outlined on the IO-2018-05 map to ensure public safety where there is increased fire activity. The hatched area (shaded) on the map, details the restricted area.
- 3. There is currently a high volume of fires burning in the Municipality of Temagami.
- 4. The Municipality of Temagami has declared an emergency. Although you may not see or smell these fires, they are actively burning.
- 5. **Public safety is absolutely paramount.** These conditions change frequently. Check the website daily at: **ontario.ca/forestfire** for the most up to date accurate information.
- 6. For inquiries on the Implementation Order access restrictions and the current map, contact: 705-475-5546. For any fire related inquiries please contact the Fire Officer at: 705-564-6165.
- 7. The Community Control Group meets daily and will provide updates once they become available.

The Municipality of Temagami: www.temagami.ca

RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE (RFZ) & IMPLEMENTATION ORDER (IO)

Community Notice (as of July 14, 2018)

- 1. An Implementation Order (IO) for travel restrictions is in effect in the Temagami area. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is restricting access to areas due to safety hazard created by increased fire activity.
- 2. The MNRF has restricted travel as outlined on the IO-2018-03-NORO7 map to ensure public safety where there is increased fire activity. The hatched area (shaded) on the map, details the restricted area.
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- 7. The Community Control Group meets daily and will provide updates once they become available.

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Municipality of Temagami Statement – Current Fire Situation Update – July 14, 2018 at 2:47 p.m. from Mayor Lorie Hunter.

MNRF issued an Emergency Area Order (EAO) for parts of the North Bay District due to active fires around Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater, Lake Temagami and the North Bay District.

At this time, major highways are still open for public travel. Travel off of highways onto Crown access roads is restricted in the specified area. MNRF recommends that travel through the area be limited to necessary travel given the high fire activity and risk. Please contact MNRF at 705-475-5546 to seek authorization to travel (travel permit) if you feel you require access to the area.

The Implementation Order (IO) No. IO-2018-03-NOR07 restricts public travel in an area with high forest fire activity. The IO is meant to protect the public and ensure public safety while allowing fire personnel to safely fight forest fires in the identified area.

Boat travel on Lake Temagami is permitted. Access off Lake Temagami into backcountry areas is restricted.

Due to the extreme fire hazard, several recent periods of heavy lightning and the large number of wildfires burning, the MNRF has implemented a Restricted Fire Zone in some areas of Northeastern Ontario.

All travel and use of McLaren's Road, Gibbons Road, Baie-Jeanne Road, South Pardo Road, St. Joseph's Road including George Gordon and Iron Lake Road, Cooke Lake Road, Goulard Road starting at Lower Goose Falls as outlined in the identified area on the attached Implementation Order map within the EAO is prohibited unless authorized by a travel permit issued by the North Bay District of the MNRF. All modes of travel/access into Lady Evelyn-Smoothwater, Obabika River, Makobe-Grays River, Solace and Sturgeon River Provincial Parks and all Crown lands as outlined in the identified area on the attached Implementation Order map within the EAO is prohibited unless authorized by a travel permit issued by the North Bay District MNRF.

Use of the Red Squirrel Lake Road beyond the Barmac Gate as outlined on the attached Implementation Order map is prohibited unless authorized by a travel permit issued by the North Bay District MNRF.

All Provincial parks, including Finlayson Point and Marten River Provincial Park, remain closed.

A Community Information Session meeting is being held in the Bunny Miller Theatre Tuesday, July 17th at 4:00 p.m. The old Chamber of Commerce office in the welcome centre will be open from Monday – Friday during regular business hours. You can view up-to-date MNRF maps and information.

Crews from around the country have been arriving & continue to arrive at base camp since July 9th to join Ontario Fire Rangers in the Northeast Region. A big thank you to everyone for being here.

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Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available. The Regional Information Officer can be contacted at: 705-564-6165.

Municipality of Temagami Statement – Current Fire Situation Update – July 18, 2018 at 8:08 p.m. from Mayor Lorie Hunter.

The evacuation alert status in Temagami has been lifted and Fire Tower Road is now open and the Fire Tower is open.

North Bay Fire NO.69 (Northeast Arm of Lake Temagami) status has been down grated from "Being Held" to "Under Control". Although this fire is under control, there are still a number of fires burning within the Temagami area.

Due to the extreme fire hazard, several recent periods of heavy lightning and the large number of wildfires burning, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNNRF) has implemented a Restricted Fire Zone in some areas of Northeastern Ontario including Temagami.

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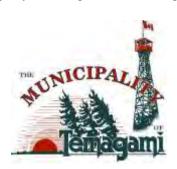
RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE (RFZ) & IMPLEMENTATION ORDER (IO)

Community Notice

(as of July 24, 2018)

- 1. An Implementation Order (IO) for travel restrictions is in effect in the Temagami area. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is restricting access to areas due to the safety hazard created by increased fire activity.
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- 5. The Municipality of Temagami has ended the declared emergency. However, the Restricted Travel Zone and the Restricted Fire Zone remain in place. Any signs of smoke or fire in the forest should be reported.
- 6. **Public safety is absolutely paramount.** These conditions change frequently. Check the website daily at: ontario.ca/forestfire for the most up to date accurate information.
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- 9. The Regional Information Officer can be contacted at: <u>705-564-6156</u> for detailed information.

The Municipality of Temagami www.temagami.ca



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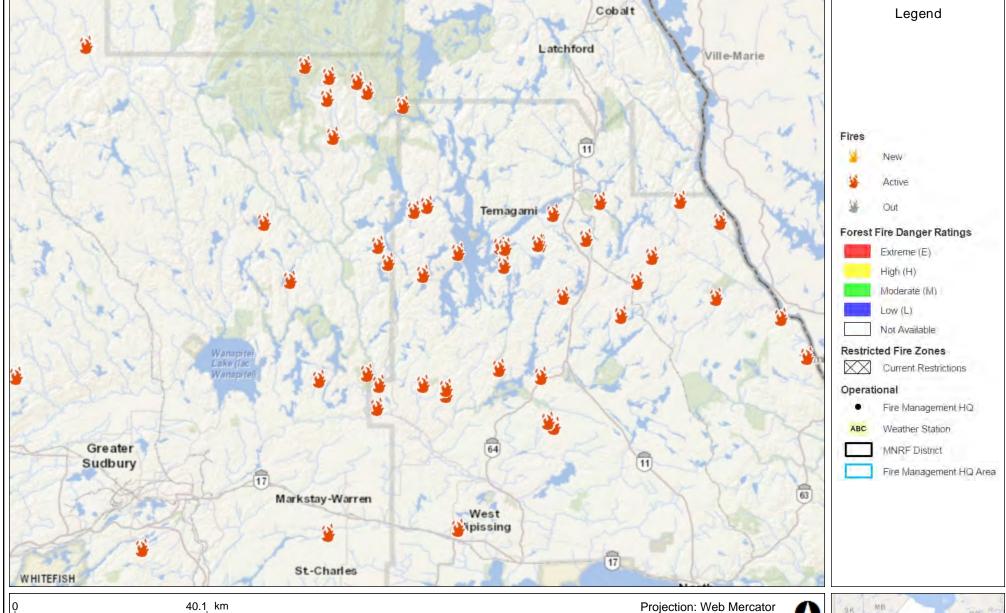
APPENDIX B Maps

Fires - July 8, 2018 Fire North Bay 069 Forest Fires - 2018

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Ontario Forest Fire Info Map

Current fires - Jul 9 2018

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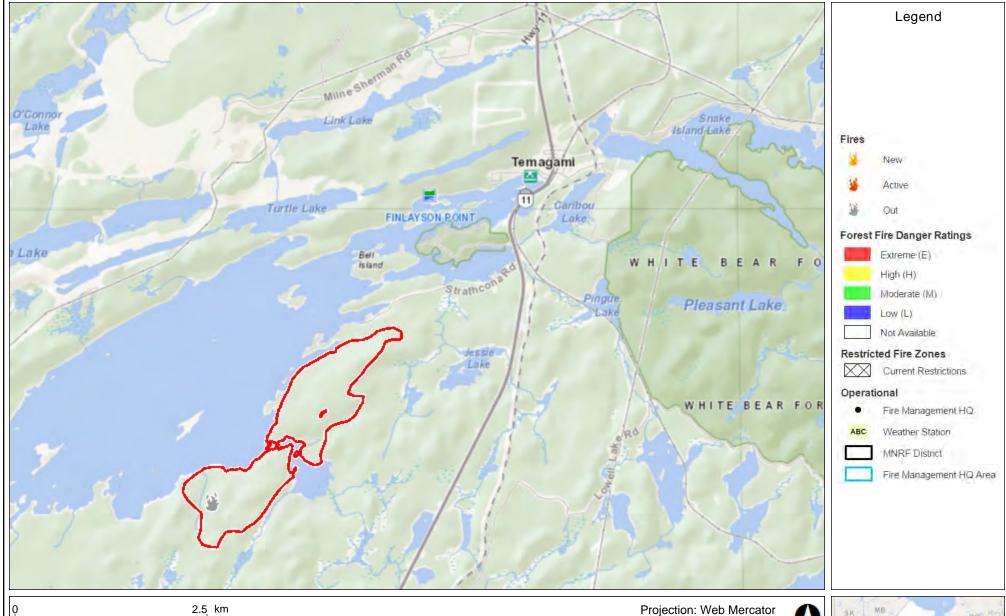




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