

2024 Atlantic Emergency Management Conference



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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About the Conference

The Atlantic Emergency Management Conference 2024 (AEMC2024) is a three-day event focused on emergency capacity, professional development, networking, and knowledge transformation. The theme of AEMC 2024 is Capacity Matters, which recognizes and celebrates the existing emergency management capacity in Atlantic Canada while brainstorming pathways forward.

Hosted by Atlantic First Nations, AEMC2024 will provide a platform for speakers, exhibitors, and vendors from across Atlantic Canada.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that New Brunswick is situated on the unceded and unsurrendered territory of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik, and Peskotomuhkati Peoples.

The Treaties of Peace and Friendship signed between the British Crown and the Wabanaki in 1725 and 1726 did not deal with the surrender of lands and resources, but rather they recognized Mi'kmaq & Wolastoqiyik title and established rules for an ongoing relationship between nations.

We are all Treaty People.

A Message from the Conference Committee



Kwe' | Hello

We are thrilled to welcome you to the 2024 Atlantic Emergency Management Conference. As a team, we are excited to bring together First Nation communities, Tribal Councils, Provincial, Federal and Municipal Government partners, and Emergency Management stakeholders from across Atlantic Canada. Our committee has worked tirelessly to ensure a diverse range of topics and perspectives, with the goal of promoting meaningful discussions and making connections. We hope that you take this time to discuss Capacity Matters, and share with all your peers what is important to you, your team, and how you make it happen.

We want to express our gratitude to our amazing lineup of speakers, their employers who supported them to attend, and sponsors. Your support and participation are key to making this event a success and has allowed us to provide attendees with what we hope to be an exceptional experience.

A special shout out to Brenda Perrin and Judith Currie from the Fredericton Convention Centre, Craig MacPherson from Encore, and Greg Condon from Global Convention Services for all of their work and effort in making our vision for our conference space come to life.

We understand that your time is valuable, and we are honoured that you have chosen to spend it with us. We encourage you to actively participate in the discussions, share your experiences, and engage in meaningful dialogue with fellow attendees. We hope that you will leave this conference feeling inspired and more informed about the incredible capacity we have here in Atlantic Canada.

Wela'lieg | Woliwon | Thank You

Elder

Elder Edward Perley

Traditional Elder, Fire Keeper, and Pipe Carrier
Neqotkuk (Tobique First Nation)



Elder Edward Perley has dedicated his life to promoting wellness and empowering youth, adults, families, and communities to connect with culture and ceremony in meaningful ways. He lives his values and in his humble and authentic way, he

helps people reconnect with their spirit and with Creator. He has had a diverse career that has always centred on serving others, whether in policing, roles with the Band, creating and managing Beh-Jip-Po-Nen Wejok-Ked-Wa-Gon Inc., or providing reintegration support in correctional facilities, to name only a few.

Elder Edward is a member of the Wolastoqiyik Wampum Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team that works to create spaces of healing for those affected by critical incidents, grief, loss, and tragedy. You can usually find him at the Sacred Fire, where he will welcome you with an open heart. Whether he is working with governmental organizations providing cultural guidance and support, encouraging youth by developing and facilitating programs that increase their knowledge, skills, and sense of hope, or supporting communities through healing and capacity building, he embodies a trauma-informed helper that empowers every person he connects with through a loving, respectful, authentic and compassionate presence.

Elder Edward is a proud husband, father and grandfather. He is a speaker of the Wolastoqey language and shares traditional knowledge through stories, song, drumming, and the Sacred Fire.

Chief

Chief Allan Polchies Jr.

First Nation Chief

Sitansisk (St. Mary's) First Nation



Allan Polchies Jr. is the Chief of Sitansisk (St. Mary's) First Nation Wolastoqiyik and the first Two-Spirit Chief in Atlantic Canada. Born and raised in his community, Allan has over a decade of experience as a Band Councillor and has served in key roles

such as Community Planner and Culture Coordinator. He has also been involved with the Economic Development Board, focusing on the sustainable growth of St. Mary's First Nation and the preservation of Wolastoq language and traditions.

Chief Allan is deeply committed to leading his people with dedication, integrity, and sincere enthusiasm. He engages with Band members at the community level, promoting spiritual connection. He takes pride in being involved in community activities surrounded with language, culture, ceremony and communal celebrations.

Allan and his partner, Tyler, are proud parents to their son, Hunter. As Chief, Allan remains focused on creating a stronger, more resilient future for St. Mary's First Nation.

Conference Committee

Bianca Langille

Director of Emergency Management, Atlantic
Canadian Red Cross



Bianca began her journey in Emergency Management in 2013 while completing her Bachelor of Science Honours research in epidemiology. Her interests in research, mitigation, and response led her to pursue a Master's in Environmental Management,

focusing on environmental emergencies. After four rewarding years with the North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council (NSMTC), Bianca moved on to become the Atlantic Director of Emergency Management with the Canadian Red Cross.

Jared Bishop

Director of Emergency Management & By-law Enforcement
Municipality of Sunbury-York Rural Community



Jared began his Emergency Management journey as a flight paramedic, where he developed a passion for aviation, public health initiatives, and community resilience. His experience spans several provinces and Canada's North, allowing him to

witness firsthand how prevention, mitigation, and strategic planning can enhance quality of life and save lives. Having collaborated with First Nations and local municipalities over the years, Jared is excited to share his insights and learn from others at the Atlantic Emergency Management Conference 2024.

Don Stenger

Emergency Management Program Manager

Wolastoqey Tribal Council Inc.



Don is a Band Member from Bilijk (Kingsclear First Nation). Prior to his current position, he spent 22 years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), where his roles ranged from general duty policing to detachment commander. Don later

became the RCMP/First Nations Policing Liaison Officer for NB. Don has also served in the Canadian Armed Forces and has been awarded several honours, including the RCMP Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, the United Nations Cyprus Medal, and the NATO Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal. He has been married for 34 years and is a proud father of two children and grandfather to three grandchildren.

Jodi MacIntosh

Anqotum Resource Management Administration Manager

North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council



Jodi obtained her Bachelor of Business Administration in 1997 and her Bachelor of Laws in 1999, both from the University of New Brunswick (Fredericton). She was admitted to the NB Bar in 2000 and practiced

insurance law before taking a position as Financial Controller at the Esgenoôpetitj First Nation in 2003. She went on to complete her Master of Laws in Comparative and International Dispute Resolution at Queen Mary, University of London. She has been employed since 2007 with the North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and travelling.

Scott MacDonnell

Emergency Program Manager

Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq



Scott joined the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM) in March 2021 as Emergency Management Mitigation Officer, and has since moved into the Emergency Management Program Manager role.

Scott now oversees all Emergency Management Program initiatives for the confederacy, including emergency planning, mitigation, and training.

Kasey McDermott

Health Emergency Management Coordinator

Indigenous Services Canada



Kasey began their Emergency Management career at The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq in 2020. In 2023, Kasey made the decision to take the knowledge and skills gained through working with the Nova Scotia communities to the rest of

the Atlantic Region by taking on their role at First Nation Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB). Since then, Kasey has had the opportunity to participate in the coordination and delivery of the Health Emergency Management Gathering hosted by the Mikmaq Confederacy of PEI, in the development of Community Crisis Response plans, and supporting First Nations led response to Public Health and Social Health Emergencies. Kasey is excited about continuing their growth in Emergency Management, inspired by gatherings like the AEMC that foster collaborative relationships with EM partners across Atlantic Canada.

Kevin Woods

Director of Energy Services

North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council



Kevin is a professional engineer with nearly two decades of experience in the energy and built environment sectors.

He holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New Brunswick and a

Bachelor of Science in Fire Science from

Lake Superior State University. In his early career, Kevin

worked with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Fire Ranger Program, progressing to Incident

Commander/Crew Leader. Now, at the North Shore

Mi'kmaq Tribal Council, he leads initiatives for

Indigenous inclusion in the energy sector, focusing on

Nation wealth building, labour force development, and

supply chain inclusion. His team supports seven Mi'kmaq

Nations on their path to a net-zero future.

Vanessa McLaughlin

Communications Officer

North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council



Vanessa studied Cognitive Science at

Mount Allison University, where she

developed a strong foundation in

understanding communication and

perception. Her interest in graphic

design, website design, and

copywriting guided her toward her

current role in corporate communications. Vanessa has a

background in not-for-profit office management and

takes pride in being able to carry out the vision of the

North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council board. Participating

in her first AEMC, Vanessa is eager to deepen her

knowledge of emergency management communications

and crisis narratives to better support Mi'kmaq

communities.

Speakers

We are pleased to introduce our 2024 Atlantic Emergency Management Conference Speakers.



David Aalders
EM Volunteer Leader



Wayne Annis
St. John Ambulance



Joe Augustine
North Shore Mi'kmaq
Tribal Council



Corey Banks
Halifax Fire



Colin Bernard
Millbrook First Nation



Jared Bishop
Municipality of Sunbury-
York Rural Community



Jessica Brewer
St. John Ambulance



Rankyn Campbell
Campbell Health



Justin Carr
Motorola Solutions, Public
Safety Threat Alliance



Raphael Chavardes
Natural Resources Canada



Ryan Clancy
Motorola Solutions



Nelson Cloud
North Shore Mi'kmaq
Tribal Council



Whitney Coscarella
Indigenous Services
Canada



Clark Dedam
Esgenoôpetitj
First Nation



Rayburn Dedam
Esgenoôpetitj
First Nation



Ghislain Desroches
Tjipôgtôtjg First Nation



Gary Flanagan
PRUDE, Inc.



Jim Flemming
Emergency Solutions
International



Bran Friesen
Canadian Red Cross



Mark Gillan
Emergency Solutions
International



David Gosse
Colliers Project Leaders



Kirk Hannah
Wolastoqey Tribal
Council Inc.



Haley Jeffrey
Colliers Project Leaders



Stuart Knockwood
Sipekne'katik
First Nation



Bruce Lake
Halifax Fire



Adam Larkin
Indigenous Services
Canada



Bill Lawlor
Canadian Red Cross



Cassandra Leblanc
Fredericton Community
Kitchens



Scott MacDonnell
The Confederacy of
Mainland Mi'kmaq



Heather M.-Carey
Nova Scotia
Community College



Iyad Mansour
St. John Ambulance



Jennifer Mark
Halifax Fire



Holly Mitchell
Esgenoôpetitj
First Nation



Chris Mowthorpe
Motorola Solutions, Public
Safety Threat Alliance



Bradley Parker
NBGSARA



Elder Ed Perley
Wampum CISM



Tim Plant
Sitansisk
First Nation



Alex Post
Saskatoon Tribal Council



Jennifer Quehe
St. John Ambulance



Maureen Robinson
Health Canada



Travis Sappier
Mawiw Council Inc.



Wendy Scott
Ability NB



Robin Somerville
Esgenoôpetitj
First Nation



Don Stenger
Wolastoqey Tribal
Council Inc.



Erica Thomas
Transitional Solutions, Inc.



Dale Ward
Esgenoôpetitj
First Nation



Lynsey W. Norrad
Bridge to Wellness

Exhibitors & Vendors

Artists

Beaded Creations by Candace
Beckie Labillois

Melissa Hachey-Jagoe

Vendors

Canada Flood Controls

ICOM-Canada

Emergency Solutions
International Inc.

Nova Scotia Community
College

Hazardscape

Tiger Dams Flood Control

HiTech Communications

Transitional Solutions Inc.

Partners

Canadian Red Cross Society

Saskatoon Tribal Council

Environment Canada

St. John Ambulance

Indigenous Services Canada

Team Rubicon

Public Safety Threat Alliance

Wednesday, October 16

8:30 AM

Opening
Elder Edward Perley & Chief Allan Polchies

Welcome
NSMTC, CMM, and WTCI

Conference Committee Introduction

PSA C

Marysville

Nashwaaksis

9:00 AM

Sipekne'katik
First Nation: Post-Event Recovery Funding

Team Rubicon:
Volunteer Deployment

First Nation
Community Led Community Safety Planning Program Update

10:25 AM Break

10:35 AM

Panel: Developing
EM Coordinator Capacity

PSTA:
Cybersecurity Reality

Health Canada:
Health Impacts of Wildfire Smoke

12:00 PM Lunch & Booth Expos

1:00 PM

St. John Ambulance:
National and Regional Programming

NSMTC:
Exploring Our Shared Values

Campbell Health:
Supporting Teen Mental Health

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM

Panel: Food Security in EM
Fredericton Community Kitchens

Ability NB:
Accessibility in Emergency Management

Bridge to Wellness: Take It to the Fire & Wampum CISM

4:15 PM Closing Remarks

6:00 PM

After Hours Event
@ The Pickle Jar/Southside Shake in the Hilton
Until 9:00 PM

Thursday, October 17

8:45 AM

Opening
Elder Edward Perley

PSA C

Marysville

Nashwaaksis

9:00 AM

**Sitansisk,
Neqotkuk &
NRCan: Wildland
Fire Landscape**

**Colliers PL:
Enhancing
Climate
Emergency
Recovery**

**Indigenous
Services Canada:
EM Assistance
Program**

10:25 AM Break

10:35 AM

**Esgenoôpetitj EM:
Planning for
Substance Abuse,
Overdose, &
Suicide Risk**

**EM for
Newcomers and
International
Students**

**Canadian Red
Cross: Prep. for
Sheltering &
Helping the
Unhoused**

12:00 PM Lunch & Booth Expos

1:00 PM

**Halifax Fire: 2023
Wildfire After
Action Report**

**NBGSARA:
Humanitarian
Capacity**

**TSI: Evacuation
Beyond the
Flames, AAR of
2023 Wildfires**

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM

**NBSPCA &
Equihealth:
Preparedness for
Small Animals &
Livestock**

**Saskatoon Tribal
Council: EM
Coordinator
Experience**

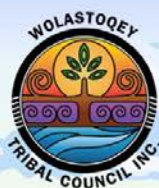
4:15 PM Closing Remarks


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Mi'kmaq Tribal Council





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The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq

