



## SIX WAYS TO PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY

**THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH** maintains an updated Emergency Management Plan, and oversees a Local Emergency Management Organization with members from local federal, territorial, and municipal agencies, Indigenous governments, and other organizations involved in managing a local emergency.

**THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS** residents can prepare for emergencies: Keep enough supplies to last 72 hours, including non-perishable food, bottled water, blankets and winter gear, a generator, and fuel.

**HAVE A PERSONAL EVACUATION PLAN** that includes everyone in your household and family pets. People who are unable to evacuate themselves should register with the Town to be on an assisted evacuation list: <https://fortsmith.ca/municipal/emergency-preparedness>

**ALWAYS KEEP** at least three-quarters of a tank of fuel in your vehicle, particularly if there is a risk of evacuation.

**GET UP-TO-DATE**, accurate information and guidance from the Town website and Facebook page, or radio broadcasts from Town officials (Mayor, Council, SAO) during a possible emergency situation.

**ASSESS** your home for forest fire preparedness.

**DOWNLOAD** the new *FireSmart Begins at Home* app to do a home assessment for forest fire preparedness: <https://firesmartcanada.ca/programs-and-education/firesmart-begins-at-home-app/> Contact the fire department for help carrying out a home assessment.

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# STAFF PROFILE: JOSÉE HAZLEWOOD



JOSÉE HAZLEWOOD thought that being the Town of Fort Smith's executive secretary would be a good way to get to know the community and learn about local municipal politics. Her new job, which she started in early March, is varied. The work includes preparing agendas and taking minutes for meetings of Council, committees, and advisory boards.

"SO FAR WHAT I ENJOY about the job is the members of the community that I get to learn about, the culture of the Town, the history of the Town," she says. "I have lived here for two years this May and I am proud to have the opportunity to work with the Councillors and Mayor of the Town of Fort Smith." Josée previously worked for the Government of New Brunswick.

## ROAD AND SEWER REPAIRS

THE ARRIVAL OF SUNSHINE and warmer weather brings the spring melt. Town of Fort Smith crews focused on keeping streets in the downtown core clear and clean. Once the ground is thawed, the final phase will start on the Town's

\$5.5-million project to replace aging water and sewer mains. Excavation and repairs will be completed in a few locations before paving begins.

## CRC RENOVATIONS UPDATE

PETE'S GYM is getting an upgrade on the way to its new location in the basement of the Community and Recreation Centre (CRC). New equipment has been ordered and new technology will allow users to participate in fitness-on-demand programs with virtual instructors leading fitness classes.

NEW CHANGE ROOMS in the facility will have a lobby with sinks and lockers. Some of the individual floor-to-ceiling change rooms will have a toilet, others will have a shower, and some will be larger in order to accommodate a family or someone who uses a wheelchair. The Town currently has three of these change rooms operating on the pool deck.

AS WELL, some demolition work on the main floor will focus on creating reinforcement for the library stacks that will be on the second floor when Mary Kaeser Library moves into the building.

THE COUNCIL CRC Steering Committee, which consists of Mayor Lynn Napier and six councillors, continues to work with the Fort Smith Curling Club and the Fort Smith Seniors' Society to negotiate facility use agreements for their respective spaces in the CRC; this is for use both during renovations and once the project is complete.

## COUNCIL MEETS WITH MINISTERS

TOWN REPRESENTATIVES met with the territorial Ministers of Infrastructure and Lands on March 24. Mayor Lynn Napier and Councillors Kevin Campbell, Mike Couvrette, Jessica Cox, and Ann Pischinger attended on behalf of the Town.

THEBACHA MLA Frieda Martselos hosted the meeting at the Salt River First Nation building with Diane Archie (Deputy Premier, Minister of Infrastructure, and Minister Responsible for the Northwest Territories Power Corporation) and Shane Thompson (Minister of Environment and Natural Resources and Lands and Minister Responsible for the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission).

IN THE 60-MINUTE MEETING chaired by MLA Martselos, Mayor Napier raised the following issues:

- Relocation of the NTPC regional superintendent position to Fort Smith
- Reinstate NTPC public board
- Narrowing of the Fort Smith Airport runway
- Accreditation for the Terry Harrold School of Aviation by the new polytechnic university
- Territorial fire centre
- Fire abatement
- Slave River riverbank slumping
- Municipal funding gap

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