



December 2018 Lighthouse Program Newsletter

Thank you to our Lighthouse Champions and our collaborators, Faith and the Common Good, CREW & Tamarack Institute. Due to your efforts our caring network is growing. Recently, the Tamarack Institute hosted a Lighthouse Project webinar this month, posted on YouTube – to view it, click [here](#). We continue to engage faith-based organizations interested in offering non-denominational basic disaster relief services. In fact, one of our city's Gurdwaras plans to open as a cooling centre this summer during heat waves upon notification from our emergency management office.

We want safe, sustainable neighbourhoods and connection between resilient people in our shared, built and natural environments. To this end, I attended a City of Brampton's 2040 Vision Health & Social Roundtable, then the Fletcher's Creek SNAP Open House to learn about the sustainable neighbourhood action plans and vote on priorities for the western side of the city hosted by the Credit Valley Conservation authority and the School of Social Entrepreneurs. Meanwhile other emergency management staff attended a Youth Symposium and the County Court SNAP, engaging people about community emergency preparedness, in collaboration with the agency tasked with the monitoring of the eastern watersheds in our city - the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

The next event (hosted by TRCA) is the **Climate Ready County Court Workshop on 26 Jan 2019**. Interested? Please call me to RSVP your representatives by 18 January 2019 if your organization is located in [this neighbourhood](#). Not from this neighbourhood, but interested in hosting a workshop? Let's connect! Some neighbourhoods are just starting to form their resilience hubs and would love to meet kindred spirits!

Upcoming Lighthouse Program Events for 2019

Agreement negotiations – make an appointment with Alain @ 905-874-3342

Emergency Preparedness Week and “Doors Open” Events for the Lighthouse Program

NEW Canadian Resilientville Exercise Role-Playing Game – Already played this game? Join us as a facilitator!

Lighthouse Program Training – TBD (Aiming for Spring 2019)

Exciting Lighthouse Developments

Brampton's Lighthouse Program has been promoted to other cities. Officials from Oakville, Cambridge, Ottawa, and other provincial cities such as Calgary, AB and Lunenburg, NS, have consulted me on various aspects of our program. Recently, we attended the Parliament of World Religions and presented to the World Congress of Sociology, and Ontario DEMCON - a disaster and emergency management conference. Our innovative capacity-building efforts have attracted students from various post-secondary schools, with a new group arriving from University of Toronto (Mississauga) in January 2019.


Hopefully, you attended the *Brampton Emergency Management Office's Annual Emergency Management workshop* back in January. **This year's annual workshop is slated for 5th February 2019**. Let us know if you'd like to attend. **For registration purposes our annual workshop lead, Kathryn, will need to know the first & last names, and the organization or agency you are from, by 30th January 2019. Contact our office at 905-874-3342 to register.**

Reminder: The sooner the Lighthouse agreement with the City of Brampton has been signed, the sooner we can save a spot for your chosen delegates in our Lighthouse Training Program. Not ready, yet, but have suggestions & comments? Or, perhaps you want to champion the program to others? Please contact me on my cell @ 437-213-5333 for a champion kit.

Wishing you joy this holiday season & a happy new year,

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