



Topic: Emergency Response Working Group

Date / Time: Monday, May 12, 2025, 3:00-4:30 pm ET

Location: Online Zoom Meeting
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Meeting ID: 983 6285 9656

Chair: Peter Kikkert St. Francis Xavier University

Attendees:	Roch Anctil	Transport Canada
	Ryan Barry	TS Consortium Secretariat
	Jessica Cucinelli	Canadian Coast Guard
	Ryan Galley	Fisheries and Oceans Canada
	Joel Heath	Arctic Eider Society
	Lauren Hogan	Canadian Coast Guard
	Kevin Knapp	Canadian Coast Guard
	Alexandre Lamarre	Environment and Climate Change Canada
	Camille LeGall-Payne	Makivvik
	Craig Lingard	Kativik Civil Security
	Billy Nicoll	TS Consortium Secretariat
	Krista Olafsson	Transport Canada
	Steve Thompson	Canadian Coast Guard
	Lazarusie Tukai	Inukjuak
	John Coyne	Government of Nunavut
	Calvin Pederson	Government of Nunavut
	Serena Panaktalok	TS Consortium Secretariat
	Miguel Parent	Transport Canada
	Victoria Kidlapik	Canadian Coast Guard
	Emilie Levac	Transport Canada

Notes on Agenda Items:

1) Recap and Review of 2025 Roundtable

- Ryan Barry - Received positive feedback from participants
 - Appreciated opportunity to meet in person and hear from community experts on the theme of research
 - Great participation from youth delegates - can we have even more participation at the Summit?
 - Many consistent themes in the shared priorities, such as the effects of climate change and its impact on Emergency Response.
 - A report on the community priorities and a summary is available on the website
- Serena Panaktalok - Appreciated youth participants and Maude Durand's leadership during the panel discussion.

2) Update and Discussion of Summit 2026 Planning

- Funding is secured, Targeting late Feb 2026, likely in Ottawa
- Summit will bring 3 reps per community and include updates from all working groups

3) Co-Developing a Work Plan for Emergency Response Working Group

- Intend to formalize what the outputs of this working group will be. Previous ideas:
 - Create community of practice: Best practices for establishing and sustaining community-based CCGA / marine SAR units
 - Identify and assess mental health supports for first responders
 - Explore incorporation of Indigenous medical practices into emergency medical response
 - Develop prevention and safety materials (e.g. loading beluga onto canoe)
 - Determine how to break down the barriers to reporting
 - Research and develop strategies for marking dangerous waters with buoys or other markers
 - Examine the impact / potential of new and emerging technology
 - Determine how to engage local groups in spill response
- John Coyne - Has worked on mental health services for emergency responders. Willing to help with this.
- Calvin Pederson - Supportive of integrating Indigenous medical practices into Emergency response. Many limbs have been saved through these practices and there is science behind them. Shared personal experience of having his face saved by his uncle.
- Joel Heath - New and emerging technology: streamlining products for situational awareness. E.g. how can reports on SIKU make it to CCG and EMSA?
- Peter Kikkert - Worth knowing what technology options exist for communities
- Kevin Knapp - Environmental response

- Spills: want to review first drafts of integrated regional plans at Summit
- Community marine response team project: how do we integrate new and emerging risks? Good moment with current infrastructure push in the region. Will need to update regional risk posture.
- Outputs: are there things communities need from Environmental Response? Ex:
 - Training local responders in oil spill response
 - Identifying groups that need training outside of the Auxiliary
- Steve Thompson - Community of practice for SAR
 - How do we sustain, not just establish capacity in communities? No one-size-fits-all solution. Need to hear from communities what works for them and what is required from CCG to ensure they're prepared.
 - Prevention and Safety Materials. Also need to be regionally specific. Examples: how do you safely transport quarried materials, or loading beluga into a canoe?
- Peter Kikkert - Where to place buoys: how does it fit with RAMSAR, other infrastructure development?
- The group agreed that none of the previous priorities should be removed from the list. Additional ideas shared included:
- Craig Lingard - Create arctic boating safety approach in collaboration with TC and Inuit Nunangat communities. Provide education and make aware of available equipment. Focus on prevention.
 - Peter Kikkert - Need to consider how long of a timeline would be required for the task
 - Roch Anctil - Second Craig's idea. Our actions should serve a real purpose.
- Daniel Kablutsiaq (presented by Peter)
 - Focus on emergency prevention education for youth.
 - Consider how to keep responders in community during the summer
- Serena - Going through best cases for each community. What has gone well and what hasn't?
 - Peter Kikkert - Using case files? Or anecdotal?
 - Steve Thomson - Anecdotal may be preferable. Can consider a format for this setting and what cases could be fruitful before the next meeting.
 - Peter Kikkert - We are working on something similar in Ungava Bay
 - Alexandre Lemarre - something similar for spills could be very useful. Could provide a presentation on mitigating spill impacts using cases and showing science behind it
 - Miguel Parent - TC is also interested in case studies for developing best practices. Can the case studies be revised after best practices 2 summits down as a table top activity?
- Peter - How will we communicate? Can the Consortium create simple infographics as educational materials for the public?
 - Camille LeGall-Payne - Second this. Also for the purpose of managing expectations - helping share what's feasible in what environments (e.g. Extreme tides, or likely response times)

4) Discussion of Developing Working Group Terms of Reference

- Peter Kikkert - Propose keeping the WG as one group instead of splitting into 2. No opposition from the group.
 - Ryan Barry - Can circulate targeted agenda well in advance so that people can determine if it's relevant to them to attend a specific meeting
- Ryan Barry - Each Working Group has a simple Terms of Reference (TOR) to help people know what to expect when joining, help define focus and what people get out of it.
 - Secretariat can put together draft TOR for this WG and bring to next meeting for review

Final Updates:

- Martin Tétreault (Shared by Peter)
 - Continues to work on SAR interagency collaboration. Working on Jurisdictional initiatives, such as land-ice interface. Most pressing event is SAR Scene: Canada's national SAR conference. Ottawa in early october
sarsceneconference.ca

Next Steps:

- Secretariat to develop draft work plan based on feedback
- Secretariat to create draft Terms of Reference before next meeting
- CCG to consider format for reviewing case studies



Tasiujaquiaqmiut Sheewetaganapoi blends Inuktitut and Cree; *those living in the big bay and saltwater*, or more inclusively *the inland sea*, and reflects the interconnected ecosystem of flora, fauna, and people that call this marine region home.