

May 10, 2010

**Re: Agency Stakeholder Summit 2009**

I would like to start by first thanking each and every one of you for your participation as well as your patience as we worked through the development of this report. I trust you will see that your input was captured and your time was well utilized during our two days in Calgary.

I would also like to recognize Agency staff and the excellent facilitators from Culture & Community Spirit who worked diligently at the Summit as well as through all of their other responsibilities. These included Government Emergency Operation Centre activations (H1N1, Haiti, Hythe and others) since the Summit, and this certainly affected our ability to get this report completed and out to you within the timeline we had originally planned for. I am confident you will find "something for everyone" in this report, as there was a lot of good and open discussion that took place on the key issues identified by you, the Stakeholders of the Emergency Management System. We appreciate your direction prior to the Summit as well as everyone's willingness to try something new and participate in a true Summit format.

From this report and the 2009 Summit we have come a long way and improved in some of the most basic areas as well as the most complex. Each Summit drives Agency operational programming as well as informing business planning and performance measures. The Agency has also taken some of the progress reports out to Communities across the province during our 2010 Regional Tours. We have received positive feedback as well as direction for this year's Summit discussion streams.

I hope you will find this report valuable and interesting. As a stimulus to ideas and discussion, we look forward to hearing from you as we begin the planning for this year's summit, to be held in Edmonton November 8-9, 2010. Invitations and information will follow via email and as part of future On-Scene additions.

I look forward to seeing you at our next Summit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. David Hodgins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

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