

## Protection Island Emergency Preparedness Committee- Fall 2019 Update

- *Approximately 85% of Protection Island residents received an emergency preparedness package of information. Thank you to the volunteers who joined for door to door delivery these packages.*
- *This committee initiated a meeting late in the summer with Fire Smart and a number of Protection Island committees to share information and resources.*
- *Five PIEPC members are in the process of taking training as ESS (emergency support services) team members. In the event of future emergencies this team would have direct communication with the Nanaimo Emergency Preparedness Department and the ability to access 72-hour emergency funds to individuals or families in need during an emergency. The team members would also run Beacon House as a warming or registration centre in an emergency. An island resident has indicated an interest in taking HAM radio training to fulfill one of the requirements for an ESS team.*
- *The Lion's Club has graciously agreed to support the use of Beacon House and engage in fundraising for a generator and possibly a HAM radio set.*
- *Work is underway to create a Communication Tree to be utilized to inform residents of emergency situations and provide support to our neighbours, as needed.*
- *If you have not received an Emergency Preparedness package or would like to volunteer in some way please contact via the following site [protectionislandemergency@gmail.com](mailto:protectionislandemergency@gmail.com)*
- *Current committee members are:*
  - *Ken Bailey          Peter Frewin          Kathy Goldsmith          Neil Goldsmith*
  - *Mike Gutenberg      Thora Howell      Maureen Johnson      Brenda Thompson*
  - *Cathy Tuominen      Debra Weikum*

### Did you Know.....

### Emergency Call Alert System

The City of Nanaimo is moving to a new Emergency Call Alert System called Voyent Alert on November 21! This Mass Notification System allows residents to use an App or sign up online to receive text, email and phone alerts beginning November 21! If you are registered under the old system, you will need to re-register for the new one beginning November 21, 2019. To find out more go to

<https://www.nanaimo.ca/city-services/emergency-services/emergency-management/emergency-call-alert-system> and sign up.

### Don't delay, act today!

Cathy Tuominen  
On behalf of the PIEPC