



BETHEL BAZAAR: Holiday shoppers found lots of great deals at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church on Saturday. Volunteers Margreet Kuypers and Frank Anthony checked out some of the books. - Ted Tyler photo

Exercise *Howling Wind* a successful test of Halton's emergency response

Halton Region, Halton Hills and local emergency staff and officials participated in Exercise "Howling Wind" last Tuesday as part of emergency exercise programs. Participants responded to a simulated community emergency – a large, area-wide power black-out that lasted several days – the result of a damaging hurricane and floods that swept across the Region.

"This exercise helped us fulfill legislated requirements, provided staff training and helped sharpen our emergency response capabilities," said Halton Chair Gary Carr in a press release issued last Thursday. "We learned some valuable insights that will allow us to be even better prepared in the case of a real emergency and continue as a leader in emergency preparedness."

Members of Halton's Emergency Control Group, comprising elected officials and staff from across the Region, Halton Police, the Regional Fire Coordinator/Milton Fire Chief, and members of the Halton Hills Emergency Control Group responded to the scenario as they would during a real event. They used resources normally be available in a real situation,

including radio communication and the Community Emergency Notification System (CENS), which provides the Region and emergency partners with the ability to phone homes and businesses in an impacted area in the event of an emergency.

Earlier this month, Halton launched an improved CENS service using an enhanced database that includes contact information for more than 95 per cent of Halton residents and businesses with traditional land line telephone service. Halton is one of the first Canadian municipalities to have access to this enhanced data for use in its CENS, one of many tools Halton and its Emergency Response partners use to notify residents in situations such as emergencies and public safety incidents. For more information on CENS visit www.halton.ca/cens

For more information about Halton's Emergency Management Program and to download or order Halton's Personal Emergency Preparedness Guide, visit www.halton.ca/beprepared or dial 311. Follow @BPreparedHalton on Twitter for incident updates and preparedness tips.

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