

Media Advisory

Community Emergency Plan Test In Cambridge

Cambridge, Ontario. May 11, 2010...If you see smoke coming from Cambridge City Hall tomorrow, just know it's a test of the Emergency Operations Plan. The City of Cambridge, along with regional partners in the Community Control (CCG) Group will come together for the annual testing of the response plan. The exercise begins at Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson Street, at 1:30 pm. More than 200 City staff who work out of the administrative headquarters will be evacuated as part of the drill.

As City Hall is the primary Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), the community control group will assemble at the Fire Station Headquarters on Bishop Street to continue with the simulation.

Community partners from the Region of Waterloo, police, EMS and social services will join City of Cambridge staff to test out the plan.

"This year there is a special tabletop exercise that will involve a vital component of every community - drinking water," says Deputy Fire Chief Bill Chesney, also the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC).

Cambridge's emergency management plan is a comprehensive strategy that has been in place for many years. Last night Cambridge City Council was presented with an update of the plan. The annual test slated for May 12 is part of the City's continued efforts to refine and enhance the plan, and results will be shared with Emergency Management Ontario.

The City's emergency management plan is online at www.cambridge.ca

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2008, the population reached over 125,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and

advancement. Based on the 2007 BMA Management Consulting Inc Municipal Study, the City of Cambridge is one of only four municipalities in the province that is debt free.

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