



## Vision

*A disaster-resilient region where all levels of government and key stakeholders **work together** seamlessly*

## Mission Statement

*To **develop and deliver** a coordinated seamless regional emergency management **strategy** supported by an integrated concept of emergency operations and strategic priorities*

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## Connecting Emergency Management Organizations

The Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management in Metro Vancouver (IPREM) is an intergovernmental entity working to improve emergency management at all levels of government in Metro Vancouver. It was established in 2009 with full support from local, regional and provincial governments.

Emergency Management is a shared responsibility – various public and private agencies operate under the British Columbia Emergency Response Management System (BCERMS) with the common aim of ensuring our region is prepared and resilient.

IPREM's role is to facilitate multi-sector cooperation between private and public organizations involved in emergency management.

## Funding

IPREM is funded by the Province of British Columbia and Metro Vancouver, with additional grants and in-kind contributions from public and private safety and security organizations.

## What Does IPREM do?

- Assesses the state of regional emergency management systems and capabilities within Metro Vancouver
- Establishes benchmarks, makes recommendations and identifies best practices for improvements to regional emergency management
- Develops harmonized emergency management concepts, platforms and priorities
- Facilitates communication between partners
- Leverages opportunities and provides oversight on integrated projects
- Pilot initiatives with public and private sector groups
- Systematically identifies and proposes options to resolve complex issues
- Defines regional priorities leading to solutions in the short and longer term
- Empowers partners to achieve success through co-operation, education and training
- Shares best practices and experience with emergency management groups outside of the region



## 2014-15 Strategic Plan

### ALL HAZARD INTEGRATED REGIONAL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- Collectively agree on how local authorities will share information, collaborate on decisions and coordinate resources during regional emergencies

### REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

- Determine process to develop and maintain regional emergency communications

### REGIONAL DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT

- Develop a framework for a Regional Disaster Debris Management Program

### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ASSURANCE

- Identify critical infrastructure stakeholders across the region and create a collaborative forum for exchanging information, which will foster an increased understanding of critical infrastructure interdependencies

## Organization

### POLICY GROUP

- Leads IPREM, engaging relevant agencies and providing political oversight and policy direction. It is co-chaired by the BC Minister of Justice and Attorney General and the Metro Vancouver Board Chair.

### STEERING COMMITTEE

- Has eight members from local, regional and provincial governments. It reports to the Policy Group and is supported by an Operational Committee and Partnership Manager.

### SUPPORT TEAM

- Team coordination and support of approved regional emergency planning initiatives; establish and manage integrated working groups; conduct stakeholder consultation; research and analysis; program development; and program administration (e.g. budget, website, Bulletin).

### WORKING GROUPS

- Focus on specific regional initiatives. Membership may include representatives from municipalities, Metro Vancouver, responder agencies, provincial ministries, federal departments, private and public stakeholders who may be involved in emergency management.

