

At 1430 key members of the Hastings County Control group met again to review and update the current phone line situation. At this point in time police, fire and EMS resources have been staffed at all stations in affected municipalities in the event that the public is looking to access emergency services. All emergency 911 centres are fully functional and we are receiving regular updates from Bell on the repairs to access the 911 system. Member municipalities and separated Cities are being kept informed of the situation.

Bell has informed the control group that services will be sporadically restored with an anticipated completion time of approximately 0500 in the morning.

"Key members of the Hastings County Control Group including the Hastings County 911 Co-ordinator, Hastings County Fire Co-ordinator, and Hastings County Emergency Planning Co-ordinator have been meeting regularly since the phone service disruption this am. Additional resources have been allocated to facilitate access to emergency services by the public. No emergency has been declared at this time" said Doug Socha in his role of Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator for Hastings County.

"If you are looking to access local emergency services and you have no land line or cellular phone service, you can attend police, fire, and EMS stations across affected municipalities."

"We have requested radio operators to deploy in areas that do not have emergency stations to order to increase communication access for emergencies. The public will be advised of their location as soon as they are available. At this time, there is an ARES operator at the municipal office in Boulter, at the fire hall in Eldorado and at the municipal office in Gilmour. The affected area is north of the 401 and extends north of Bancroft. In some areas cell phones may be active and can access 911".

Updates will be provided as the situation changes.