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Subject: FW: Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry resolution
Attachments: HRM Report - VVPR.pdf; DRAFT Resolution re VVPR.docx

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Kim/Eleanor,

In the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona and more recently the devastating wildfires exposed some major-gaps in emergency responses. Disability advocates in Nova Scotia are urging us to build back better. Advocates have highlighted some solutions to improve emergency planning with the establishment of a Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry (VVPR).

At the July 17 Municipality of Pictou County meeting, we passed a resolution calling on the NSFM and member municipalities to work on a province-wide registry. There is a role for both the NSFM and also the Department of Municipal Affairs.

My request is for your council to adopt this resolution so we can move forward and work on establishing a VVPR province wide. Antigonish county resident, Anne Camozzi is a lead advocate for establishing a VVPR. Anne along with others have shined a light on this weakness in our emergency response.

I have attached additional resources on this subject as background. Included in the attachments is a report from HRM on establishing a VVPR for their region alone.

Also please see the following links with more background information.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/halifax-bringing-in-vulnerable-persons-registry-1.6883129>

> As It Happens with Nil Köksal, Chris Howden: Disability rights advocate calls vulnerable persons registry a 'great first step'

> <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-2-as-it-happens/clip/15992821-disability-rights-advocate-calls-vulnerable-persons-registry-great>

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> The following is a Halifax Examiner Report on HRM Council endorsing a Municipal VVPR

> <https://www.halifaxexaminer.ca/government/city-hall/halifax-to-get-vulnerable-persons-registry-to-support-people-at-exponential-risk-in-a-crisis/>

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions please reach out,
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