**FNLC Emergency Management Update**

March 22, 2021, Cecile Brass started as the FNLC Emergency Management MOU Coordinator and Policy Analyst. The MOU Technical Emergency Management Working Group (TEMWG) workplan has been updated and will be shared with the TEMWG when they reconvene on May 26th, 2021. A multiyear funding proposal is currently being drafted to support the implementation of the EM MOU. The current Provincial Emergency Program Act (EPA) modernization process is ongoing. The EPA Sub-Committee is now supported by a legal team consisting of Merle Alexander and Nick Smith of Miller Titterle+Company, Stacey Edzerza Fox of Morgan & Associates, and Mary Ellen Turpel Lafond of Woodward and Company. The team met on April 26th to discuss the issues surrounding the EPA process and be provide all background documentation and update on the status of the sub-committee. A legal analysis of the Concept Paper is pending. A funding proposal was submitted on May to EMBC (Emergency Management British Columbia) ADM Dave Peterson to support the work of the EPA Sub-Committee. Updates on the outcome of the submission will be provided when available. All sub-committee meetings are on hold until funding is in place and legal analysis of the Concept Paper is prepared. The Emergency Management Forum which was funded by ISC (Indigenous Services Canada) is scheduled for June 28&29, 2021. A draft agenda will be circulated in the coming weeks. FNESS Director Wayne Schnitzler has prioritized strengthening of FNLC and FNESS alignment. He has sought the support and guidance of FNLC senior policy staff and Cecile. He has provided updates on current activities, such as the EMBC and Public Safety Canada lead Emergency Management Capabilities project. FNESS has concerns around the access and storage of the gathered data. EMBC and PSC are reluctant to agree to the principles of OCAP. We will continue to support FNESS in advocating for these principles to be upheld. FNESS staff and Cecile have also sought to identify areas of inefficiency in current provincial EM communication practices alongside BC Wildfire Service. Communication of emerging and ongoing situations will be pre-emptively shared with First Nations, FNLC and FNESS. These reports will come directly through the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre and BCWS (BC Wildfire Service). An information sharing and introductory meetings between FNLC EM Coordinator and BCAFN (BC Assembly of First Nations) Jaime Sanchez was held with AFN EM staff and EM portfolio Director took place April 30. AFN shared with FNLC the ISC EMBC EM 10-year service agreement. All information shared from AFN was provided to the FNLC senior policy staff for reference. Cecile will be focusing on the EM Forum planning, drafting of the multiyear MOU Implementation funding proposal, supporting the EPA sub-committee and the attached legal team, and preparing for the upcoming TEMWG meeting.