

Editorial ? Be prepared for emergencies

Next week is Emergency Preparedness Week in Caledon, Peel Region and all over Canada.

As is being stressed, this is a good time for people like you to make sure you and your family are prepared for when things go wrong. And they can go wrong, you know ? often with little or no warning.

This coming August marks the 10th anniversary of the massive power black out that impacted many areas of North America. How much warning did we get of that?

More recently, severe flooding in parts of Ontario has created more than its fair share of problems. And there is always the looming possibility of terrorist attacks, and we in Canada learned in the last week that we're not exempt from that.

The Town is stressing the importance of individual preparedness. While surveys indicate most people understand the importance of being prepared, less than half actually have plans in place. Thus the goal of Emergency Preparedness Week is to educate and inform people of what they should be doing.

We all know what to do when things are going fine. The real test of how we handle things is when times get rough.

There are events being planned, with information and tips on how to be prepared.

There will be an open house this Saturday (May 4) at Mono Mills Fire Hall from 9 a.m. until noon. As well, there will be displays set up at Bramalea City Centre Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and at the Walmart store in Bolton next Thursday and Friday (May 9 and 10) from 5 until 9 p.m.

There is very little to be lost by checking these events out. There also might be a lot to be gained.