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Smart Move for City of Parksville

Parksville, BC - The City of Parksville has a new "Smart Board" received through the support of a JEPP grant. The interactive, touch sensitive white board connects to the City's network through a dedicated computer and digital display to create a 72" touch activated display.

The Smart Board addresses technology needs and allows for the recording and distribution of interactive management team briefings, evacuation planning, forward planning, event debriefing and the preparation of documents for distribution to the media, Provincial Emergency Program and other external agencies during the operation of an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and for EOC staff training.

The electronic Smart Board increases the ability of the City of Parksville to effectively respond to an emergency or disaster by maximizing the ability to share and display information. This technology will greatly contribute to increased efficiency, better response times and efficient communication and storage of event data. The ability to present situation reports clearly, strategize collaboratively and to display and store information is critical to successful and efficient emergency management.

Although this is the first local application, the technology is common in other jurisdictions for emergency management preparedness and response.

The City of Parksville applied for a Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) grant through Emergency Management BC which allows for a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement to purchase the Smart Board for the City's Emergency Operations Centre. Total cost of the project before grant application was \$8057 with the City's portion of the project amounting to \$4028.

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