## Earthquake Preparedness Strategy Update 2016





#### Agenda



- Strategy Overview
- Strategy Implementation Update
  - Sewer and Water Systems
  - Transportation Systems
  - Civic Facilities
  - Private Buildings
  - Continuity of Operations
  - Volunteers and Community Support
  - Training and Exercises
  - Coastal Response and Firefighting

Capacity

• Summary

#### Earthquake Preparedness Strategy - Background



#### Highlights – Council Directed Initiatives

- Started seismic upgrades to bridges
- Dedicated fire protection system
- Canada Task Force 1 -Heavy urban search & rescue team
- Emergency supply containers
- Emergency operations centre

Development of the Earthquake Preparedness Strategy

Concurrent implementation of Quick Win initiatives

> Strategy adopted by Council in Dec 2013

#### Strategy Implementation

- Public Events
- Emergency Info. Plan
- Vancouver Volunteer
   Corps
- Cont. Bridge Upgrades
- Hardening key components of water system
- Emerg. Transportation
   Plan for Downtown
- Seismic Review of City Facilities
- Training & Exercises

#### **Status**

 85 % of actions complete or in progress

Disaster Support Hubs roll-out

> Civic Facility Upgrades

Seismic Retrofit Initiative

Coastal Response Exercise

1990-2010

#### 2012-2013

2014-2015

Oct 2016

#### Earthquake Preparedness Strategy - Partners







# **55** Actions

### Continuous Review: 2016 - 4 actions + 3 Actions





## **Scorecard – October 2016**

	Completed	In Progress	Remaining
# Actions	10	37	8
% Actions	18%	67%	15%

- 47 of the 55 actions (85%) are complete or in progress.
- Remaining actions are scheduled to begin in 2017 or 2018.

## Sewer and Water Systems









#### **Past Action**

- Water Utility Response Plan
- Dedicated Fire Protection System (DFPS)
- Maintain emergency wells
- Ongoing water main replacement program
- Restrained-joint transmission mains
- Pilot Japanese Couplings
- Pressure-reducing Valve Stations are earthquake resilient



- Risk-based strategy for hardening key vulnerabilities in the water system
- Enhanced access to post-earthquake firefighting water supply, including Fire Boat Pumping Capacity and portable hose-reel for above-ground hydrant system
- Collaborating with Health Authorities to enhance post-earthquake servicing plans









#### **Past Action**

- Sewer utility response plan
- Regional plans to upgrade treatment plants
- 100% sewage pump stations have back-up power generation capacity





Ongoing: new pump stations are designed to be post-disaster operational and have flexible connections





## **Transportation Systems**







#### **Past Action**

- Seismic upgrades to key bridges (\$14 million in seismic upgrades over past 20 years)
- Disaster Response Routes
  - Bridge Response Plan
- Downtown Transportation Emergency Response Plan
- 67% upgrades to Granville St. Bridge
  - Self-ready design for remaining Granville Bridge Upgrades

#### Transportation System – Current Actions







- **Bridge Seismic Screening Assessment**
- Bridge post-earthquake Inspections Guides

## **Continuity of Operations**





## **Past Actions**

- Business Continuity Facilities

  - Assessment and identification of suitable unoccupied worksites for business continuity functions





### **Current Actions**

### Business Continuity Facilities

- Enhance alternate worksites to support operational continuity of critical business units
  - Evaluation and implementation of back- up power generation options
  - IT and equipment upgrades
- Searthquake Response Supply Chain Assessment
- ↘ Update of fuel service contracts
- Emergency Management Information Systems procurement
- Pilot of Emergency Notification System for staff



## **Civic Facilities**





## Structural and Non-Structural Seismic program

## ↘ Approach:

- $\searrow$  Program  $\rightarrow$  prioritize buildings
- Screening and studies
- ↘ Define implementation projects
- ↘ Implement
- Prioritization Principles:
   Emergency Response
   Business Continuity
   High Occupancy

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## Structural program:

- Complete: 170 screening reviews, 11 detailed studies
- ↘ In progress:
  - 25 further detailed studies
  - East Wing / West Annex
- Non-Structural program:
  - ↘ In progress:
    - RFP for consultant for 12 prioritized buildings
    - VPD Kootenay Building Skylight Upgrade







#### **Civic Facilities**





## East Wing Deconstruction

- Moved 370 staff
- Training in Vacant Building
- Deconstruction now
- Reconstruction of platform
   Spring 2017
- Used vacant East Wing for Police and Fire exercises



#### **Civic Facilities**





West Annex seismic upgrade



 West Annex Seismic Upgrade

- Contract awarded
- Start of construction Sept.
  2016
- Pilot installation of Early Warning System and Strong Motion Instrumentation

## **Private Buildings**





Phased approach incorporating response preparedness and mitigation/prevention initiatives







Phased approach incorporating response preparedness and mitigation/prevention initiatives





- Review revised National Building Code with a view to adopt seismic provisions early
- Leadership with experience in this field
  - Kaye Krishna GM Development, Building, and Licensing
  - Gil Kelley GM Planning, Urban Design, and Sustainability







## ↘ Launch Seismic Retrofit Initiative

- ↘ Interdisciplinary Task Force:
  - Risk assessment
  - Regulatory review
  - Existing CoV tools
  - Levels and methods of retrofitting
  - Potential retrofit strategies

#### ↘ Collaboration:

- Mechanisms and tools used by other state and local governments
- Leverage 100 Resilient Cities network
- Engage senior levels of government for support





## Volunteers and Community Resilience







#### **Ongoing development of the Vancouver Volunteer Corps**

- Specialized teams:
  - Emergency Social Services (ESS)
  - Neighbourhood Emergency Assistance Team (NEAT)
  - Public Education
  - Amateur Radio (VECTOR)
- 833 active volunteers, over 1000 trained since 2012



VVC at Pride Parade 2016

- Simplified intake process
- ↘ Focus on developing depth in our volunteer pool
  - Building capacity through new leadership opportunities and advanced training.
  - Established Volunteer Advisory Committees





## Public Safety Deployments and Response (2015-16)

- 🔰 Marathassa Oil Spill
- Roundhouse Group Lodging Centre
- ↘ Fort McMurray Wildfire (Red Cross call centre)
- Celebration of Light, Canada Day, FIFA World Cup, Santa Claus Parade, Pride
- Over 20 Emergency Social Services Call-outs supporting more than 260 displaced residents





#### **Disaster Support Hubs Launch**

- Low-tech tool to promote grassroots response and planning at neighbourhood level
- 25 signs installed to identify Hubs across the City (including 23 Park Board Commuity Centres, Fraserview Library and Oppenheimer Park)

#### **Ongoing Community Resilience Building**

- Incorporating Hubs into deployment plans for volunteers
- Creating community emergency planning toolkit
- Pilot Map your Resilientville community workshop in Dec 2016



## **Training and Exercises**



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## **Exercise Coastal Response**





### ↘ Can-TF1: Heavy Urban Search And Rescue Team

- June, 2016 Port Alberni Full Scale Exercise of B.C. Initial Response Protocol to a Catastrophic Event
- 9.0 earthquake and 20 meter Tsunami Wave Scenario
- Port Alberni was the most damaged community in the 1964 Alaska Earthquake
- Exercises from Mexico to Alaska Military to Civilian



### Coastal Response "Base of Operations"





## Exercise Coastal Response 2016





### Exercise Coastal Response 2016







### Key Learnings

- Can-TF1 is prepared Great inter-operability for skills with Can-TF2, 3 & 4.
- Communication challenges, enhancements required to meet the current needs and inter-operability with other agencies.
- ↘ Transportation challenges
- Importance of regular training Exercises

## Recommendations

- Continue to maintain joint training with other Can-TF Teams.
- Currently evaluating other Can-TF Teams technology to determine appropriate requirements.
- Upon receipt of Federal funding procurement process will be initiated for required transportation.

## **Fire-fighting Capacity**





















Extended above ground hydrant system
 3 Trailers – each carries 660 feet of 6" Firehose supply.



## Summary







- We continue to review the strategy as we identify further actions and remove redundancies
- The risk to City's Critical Infrastructure and services continues to be mitigated. Response plans are in place to restore and respond to impacted services.
- Significant upcoming work includes
  - Continued empowerment of the community to build resilience around the Disaster Support Hubs
  - ▶ Launch of a seismic retrofit initiative for private buildings
  - ↘ Major seismic work on City Facilities (East Wing and West Annex) and implementation of an early warning system in the West Annex