

## ***Being Prepared***

I wish to start this note by saying thank you to all of you for your understanding and co-operation on the recent water repair that required the water having to be turned off to the whole Village and the ensuing PDWA (Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory). As you all know, there are things in our lives we can control and there are many things that we can't. This is true of the water repairs that occur in the Village. It is important to understand that once a leak has been detected it is my goal to repair it with the least amount of disruption. In order to meet this objective many steps are taken prior to the dig as well as during the dig. However, just like last week, the unexpected can occur and adjustments have to be made.

In light of this occurrence, I feel it is a good time to bring to everyone's attention the need to be prepared for our families and ourselves. We cannot control power outages, water breaks, poor road conditions, inclement weather and so forth... so let's be prepared! Let us be prepared with some basic items that will help us through unexpected life disruptions. Consider the following list of items that can be stored in your home:

- Water (2 to 3 days)
- Foods that require no refrigeration, cooking or little water
  - Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
  - Protein or fruit bars
  - Dry cereal or granola
  - Peanut butter
  - Dried fruit, nuts
  - Crackers
  - Canned juices
  - Non-perishable pasteurized milk
- First Aid Kit
- Battery-powered or hand-crank can opener, multi-purpose tool
- Cash
- Gas
- Matches
- Duct Tape
- Rope
- Warm clothing/Blanket
- Fire Extinguisher

The last step I would like you to consider is having the quickest way to stay informed with official alerts associated with the Village. If you wish to do this, please proceed to the Village Webpage [www.caronport.ca](http://www.caronport.ca) and at the bottom of the home page you will find STAY INFORMED... fill out the required fields and you will be notified as soon as the Village is aware of anything.

If you would like more information on how you can prepare for emergency situations check out the links below.

**Fire Safety:** <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/fire-safety>

**Disaster Preparedness and Prevention:** <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/disaster-prevention>

**Emergency Management:** <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/emergency%20management>

Thanks Again  
Your Public Works Department