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Project Charter

Project Title:

Building Resilience for Displaced Residents

Date:

December 7, 2022

Postsecondary Lead:

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Regional/Municipal Lead:

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Program Coordinator:

Daniel Sparks

Description of Project:

Durham Region would like to better understand how residents, evacuated from a disaster, can recover to their pre-disaster state without further displacing them.

In addition to municipal and provincial resources and financial programs, what other supports are necessary to put families back on track to recover from a disaster? Hoteling has become the default shelter for displaced residents, but is this sustainable

and are there alternative venues to temporarily shelter evacuees? Currently the Region shelters residents for 72 hours following a disaster but there is a lack of evidence to know if this is a realistic timeline.

The goal of this project is to investigate best practices in disaster recovery from other jurisdictions that can then be applied to Durham Region. This will be done through:

- Conducting academic literature review and jurisdictional scans
- Engaging with relevant stakeholders (e.g. different municipalities, postsecondary)

Commitments from Region/Municipality:

- Attend regular meetings (4 times per semester) with student team to receive updates and provide feedback
- Be available to receive communications and answer questions from team lead
- Provide any relevant background information or leads to the postsecondary group (e.g., connecting them with relevant stakeholders for gathering information)
- Attend HUBBUB

Commitments from Post-secondary:

- Provide a group of 10-13 Project Management students to complete project work
- Attend regular meetings (4 times per semester) with Regional staff to provide updates and receive feedback
- Final deliverable of a written report and presentation that summarizes findings and provides recommendations
- Attend HUBBUB
- Send copy of final report to CS Durham coordinator

Timeline:

- January – April 2022
 - Final deliverable to be completed by the end of the semester

Signatures

[Municipality]

[Project Coordinator]



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[Post-Secondary]



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