Ice Storm Independent Panel Review Report Briefing

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Response Initiatives Completed

Division	Ini	tiatives
Electricity Grid Operations	√ √	Enhanced reporting ability to improve crew dispatching decisions Vegetation Management Coordination with the City (Right tree in
		the right place)
Engineering and Construction	\checkmark	Assess system vulnerabilities to address extreme weather events
	\checkmark	Conversion of line segments to underground construction e.g.
		Rear lot to front lot conversions (ongoing program)
Customer Care	\checkmark	Enhanced event communications strategy - market segmented
		communications, new channels, refined processes and staffing
	\checkmark	Refined process to provide vulnerable customer information to
		the City and support services during a high volume event
	\checkmark	Identified some opportunities to integrate some of Toronto
		Hydro's services into 311 Toronto e.g. Report an outage
	\checkmark	Developed and began distribution of customer "Emergency
		Preparedness" education and information
	\checkmark	Developed a "Storm Centre" website – Expected launch - July
Information Technology & Risk	✓	Website capacity upgrades

Response Initiatives In Progress

Initiatives
 Expand electronic communications capability to all internal crews
 Improvements to staffing scalability to handle outage calls
 City of Toronto Infrastructure Resiliency study - planning and
information sharing
 Weather scenario program - Toronto Hydro-wide planning for
extreme weather scenarios
 Industry working group on Climate Adaptation to establish a
common approach to extreme weather and climate change
 Cellular and battery back-ups for critical communications
infrastructure e.g. meter data collectors
 Technology upgrades to take advantage of new outage reporting
and response features
 Expand Emergency Preparedness education and information
program
 Improve outage communications and experience via mobile
devices and tablets
 Interactive Voice Response (IVR) capacity increase (to 15,000
concurrent calls)

Response Initiatives Under Study

Division	Initiatives	
Electricity Grid Operations		Detailed end-to-end assessment of event management process, including ability to consistently provide accurate estimated restoration times (ETR)
		Upgrade outage management technologies and systems - to help
		reduce restoration times and expand customer information
		Improve capture and acknowledgement of outages reported and
		enhance the information provided to customers via the website
		and IVR
Engineering and Construction		Expand electronic communications capability to all external and
		mutual aid crews
		Address gaps between legacy data and actual field construction
		Climate adaptation studies and pilots, engineering analysis and
		impacts of long-term extreme weather and climate change
Customer Care		Expand ability to communicate specific event details related to
		individual customers

