



NOTICE OF MOTION

Aftermath of Japanese Earthquake on Toronto

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SUMMARY

On Friday, March 11, 2011, the north-west coast of Japan was devastated by a massive earthquake measuring 9.0 on the Richter Scale. The seismic aftermath created even more damaging tsunami waves that caused thousands of human fatalities, untold property damage and economic hardship along coastal communities and beyond.

International rescue efforts have been unprecedented amid the backdrop of radiation leaks from damaged nuclear reactors and continued after-shocks. Japan's emergency preparedness plans and strict building codes have served as a model for other countries across the globe. Yet, even a prepared society such as Japan with extensive experience coping with natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and typhoons could not withstand this instance of nature's fury.

The events of this past March 11th reminds everyone that global co-operation and effective response plans are vital when overcoming natural disasters.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the City of Toronto's Office of Emergency Management in consultation with Emergency Management Ontario review existing protocols and action plans in lieu of the recent events in Japan.

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