



Good Neighbour Protocol Enacted in advance of Hurricane Earl

We are very pleased that the province has chosen to enact the Good Neighbour Protocol in preparation for the arrival of Hurricane Earl.

The Good Neighbour Protocol was an NSGEU initiative, supported by seven other unions and employers from all District Health Authorities across the province. It was signed on October 27, 2009 at a formal ceremony with the newly elected NDP government. The protocol allows for seamless health care coverage during an emergency.

Nova Scotia was the first jurisdiction in Canada to sign on to this kind of "all hazards agreement" for its health care system. The agreement means that when emergencies happen, like Hurricane Earl, that put a strain on the health care system, Nova Scotia will have access to the help they need to manage the situation. If an emergency hits one part of the province, than the Local DHA can call on help from other parts of the province.