

## Social workers needed for flood recovery

The flood is on its way out and we are moving into recovery mode. The NB Emergency Measures Organization's (NBEMO) technical inspection teams will be inspecting homes that have been impacted by the flooding in Fredericton, Saint John and other affected areas in the coming weeks and they are looking for social workers to join these teams and provide debriefing support to those affected by the damages caused by the flood.

"Social workers play a vital role in providing support and guidance in times of crises," said NBASW President Claude Savoie. "This is an important opportunity for social workers to help those affected by the flood."

For retired and unemployed members, NBEMO will provide compensation at \$27/hour. Further costs associated with accommodations, meals and travel expenses will also be covered by NBEMO. Inspection teams will be working Monday to Saturday with Sundays off and NBEMO will provide a short training session via LYNC (i.e., video conference). They hope to begin work on Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Fredericton area.

Social workers who work in government and are interested in helping with the recovery should ask their supervisors for permission and follow the appropriate internal steps.

Any additional social workers who would like to help with this effort are asked to communicate with Michelle Hodder at 506-453-6513 or by email at [Michelle.Hodder@gnb.ca](mailto:Michelle.Hodder@gnb.ca).

Thank you for your support,

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