

Welcome to Volume 1, Issue 2

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Thank you for returning to the *Canadian Journal of Emergency Management* (CJEM) and committing to the dialogue surrounding our profession. We are grateful to curate another selection of important contributions to that dialogue, and for our partnerships with industry leaders.

The first half of 2021 has challenged conventions and norms, and rightfully so. When we published Issue 1, the pandemic was in full swing but hope was on the horizon as vaccines hit the global market. Now, we are well into a national vaccination campaign but turning our attention outward to the Global South, realizing that the key to ending the pandemic is there, not here. There have been important reckonings on social justice and racism. And in the midst of all this, "conventional" emergencies like seasonal floods and fires have challenged emergency management organizations, compounded by COVID-19 infection prevention and control.

Volume 1, Issue 2 of CJEM also steps away from convention in some ways but stays focused on relevant and impactful exploration of Canadian emergency management.

In its first article, Agrawal et al. explore evidence-based, data-driven disaster risk management in Canada. Next, Kikkert & Lackenbauer discuss expansion of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary in the Arctic – a massive Canadian realm so often forgotten in our field except by Search and Rescue practitioners. Finally, Fremis primes the reader on Operation LENTUS: the Canadian Armed Forces' annual domestic operation to aid civil power in disaster response.

Once more, we thank you for engaging with this material and we invite you to contribute your own learnings to Volume 2, Issue 1.

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