

In May 2022, TEA and CREW started working with local volunteers in St James Town to co-create and implement a community-led emergency response model for extreme weather events focused on heat wave preparedness and response. Since then we have:

- Trained and supported local volunteer leaders and high-rise residents to lead community outreach during a heat wave. Volunteers learned how neighbours can help prevent heat-related illnesses and deaths and how to prepare for many emergency events, such as a power outage during a heat wave or a storm.
- Held workshops with local residents and stakeholders (including community agencies, organizations and volunteers) to develop emergency preparedness and response plans.
- Developed and shared a draft model for high-rise emergency preparedness that can be customized and scaled to other settings.



As we move into the summer months, we are developing and implementing climate emergency preparedness measures in 4 high-rise building pilot sites in St James Town. A heat wave response protocol will be tested and adapted for each building. Alongside this work, we will support community members to tell their stories, and engage in knowledge-sharing activities that promote learning about community-led climate resilience.

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