



DisasterNet BC Society Membership Application Form

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DisasterNet BC Society is dedicated to developing a resilient and robust communication network to support communities across British Columbia during disasters. Our mission is to ensure that when all else fails, communities will have a reliable, high-frequency radio communications have access to a network designed for preparedness, response, and recovery to fall back on. We value collaboration, integrity, and inclusivity, working with communities to strengthen their communication ability when conventional systems fail.

Membership in DisasterNet BC Society is intended for communities with a demonstrated need for enhanced disaster communication capabilities who are committed to participating in a shared, reliable network. Through our application process, we aim to ensure that our members align with these values and can benefit meaningfully from our support.

Note: Please provide your responses for each question. For Yes/No questions, check the appropriate box. When finished, save the file with your **community's name at the beginning of the filename** and send it to info@disasternetbc.ca. For any questions, email info@disasternetbc.ca.

Section 1: Community Information

Community Name: _____

Local Government Jurisdiction: _____

Primary Contact Name and Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please outline your internal processes for Board/Council resolution to approve this application and where you are in this process. A copy of the Board/Council Resolution is required prior to membership approval.

Section 2: Your Emergency Program Information

Is your community part of a formally established emergency program?

- Yes / No

If yes, provide the program's name and a brief description of its structure.

If no, please provide a brief description of the emergency program you are building, and which organizations are supporting your efforts.

Section 3: Communication Capabilities

What communication tools does your community currently use for disaster communications (in order of preference)?

Where is your primary EOC located (street address)?

Does your community currently utilize amateur radio operators for emergency communication?

- ☐ Yes / No

If yes, how are you utilizing amateur radio operators?

Section 4: Rationale for Commercial HF for EOC Disaster Communications

As part of the DisasterNet BC Society membership application process, we ask prospective members to provide background information on why they wish to join the Society. Not every community requires the full functionality of DisasterNet BC, but for those that do, we want to understand their specific communications challenges and operational goals.

Please describe why your community believes DisasterNet BC may be the right fit for you. Consider addressing the following points:

What challenges does your community currently face in disaster communications?

If you have specific examples of past incidents where communication failures impacted disaster response efforts, please describe.

What would be your strategy in the face of a mass communications failure where all conventional means of communication are lost or unreliable?

What are your long-term expectations for emergency communications within your Emergency Program?

Your responses will help the Membership Committee assess how DisasterNet BC can best serve your community and ensure alignment with the Society's mission of building a resilient and robust communication system across British Columbia.

Section 5: Membership Process

1. The society's board will review and evaluate each application to ensure that the community or organization aligns with the society's mission, values and membership criteria.
2. Community Applicants will be notified of their approval or whether further information is required.
3. Once membership is approved, a series of steps is required to become licensed to use these Commercial HF frequencies. (An onboarding team will assist with this process).

The membership process ensures that communities joining *DisasterNet BC* have a clearly defined and demonstrated need for its utility. Through a thoughtful review, we assess whether a community's unique challenges will be served by the network's mission to support effective and resilient disaster communication.

By submitting this application, the community acknowledges their commitment to securing funding for the required commercial HF radio equipment within one year of membership approval. Membership renewal will be contingent on meeting this requirement to ensure active participation in the network.

Section 5: Signature

By signing below, I affirm that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Name (Printed): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please provide a copy of your Board/Council Resolution approving this application.

Submission and Payment Instructions

Please submit your completed application to DisasterNet BC Society via email to info@disasternetbc.ca. Feel free to reach out if you have questions about the application process or require further information. We appreciate your interest in DisasterNet BC Society and look forward to reviewing your application.

Once the Membership Committee has reviewed and approved your application, the Treasurer will issue an invoice for the **\$200 annual membership dues**. Payment can be made via **cheque or electronic funds transfer**, with options available to suit your community's accounting processes.

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