

Appendix B—Sample Meeting Invitation

Are you ready for Mother Nature's next surprise? Would you be ready if an earthquake hit today?

You are invited to a neighbourhood disaster preparedness meeting.

Hi. My name is _____. I live in our neighbourhood, and I represent our neighbourhood's efforts to become better prepared for a major disaster. If you are like most people, you do not like to think about disasters, especially earthquakes. But you also realize that does not change the fact that they are going to happen here.

When disasters do occur, we want our neighbourhood to be ready. That's why we would like to develop a Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP) plan for our neighbourhood.

Experience shows that after a major disaster, there will not be enough police, fire, and ambulance personnel to take care of everyone's needs as quickly as we would like. The demand will be high, and infrastructure such as roads and bridges may be impassable.

Our best source of help and support will be ourselves, particularly if we have organized beforehand. That's where NEPP fits in. And it's easy!

We are meeting to discuss NEPP and hopefully draft a plan. The meeting will last 90 minutes and will cover these vital topics:

- neighbourhood hazards;
- a place to meet or gather after a disaster; and
- ways to get in contact with neighbours.

Please plan to join us. Enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing that you are helping to prepare your neighbourhood, yourself, and your family for disasters.

Date: _____ Time: _____

At the home of: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

If you can't make it to this meeting but want to know about the NEPP plan and future NEPP activities please contact _____.