

Town of Mahone Bay

Regional Emergency Management By-Law

By-Law #10

SECTION 1: GENERAL

1. This By-Law may be cited as the "Regional Emergency Management By-Law" to render mutual aid and joint provisions of services and facilities to provide for a prompt, effective and coordinated response to an emergency within the territories of the participating Municipalities of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, the Municipality of the District of Chester, the Town of Bridgewater and the Town of Mahone Bay.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

1. In this By-Law,
 - a. "Act" means the *Emergency Management Act*, R.S.N.S. 1990, as amended from time to time;
 - b. "State of Emergency Regulations" means regulations approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 92-61, Regulation 17/92, as amended from time to time;
 - c. "Agreement" means the Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement, dated April 15, 2011, among the participating Municipalities and as amended from time to time;
 - d. "Minister" means the Minister of Justice of the Province of Nova Scotia;
 - e. "Deputy Minister" means the Deputy Minister of Justice of Nova Scotia;
 - f. "Councils" means the Councils of the participating Municipalities (Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, the Municipality of the District of Chester, the Town of Bridgewater and the Town of Mahone Bay);
 - g. "Region" means all territories within the participating Municipalities;
 - h. "State of Local Emergency" means a state of local emergency declared (renewed or terminated) by the Council, Mayor or Warden of a participating Municipality;
 - i. "Regional Emergency Operations Center" (REOC) means the REMO operations centers as established, equipped and serviced per the Agreement;

SECTION 3: RESPONSIBILITIES FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- 1) The Councils, in accordance with the Agreement;
 - a) shall appoint and maintain a Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) responsible for the planning and the coordination of emergency services delivery and consisting of a Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee (REMAC), a Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee (REMPC), a Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (REMC) and for each participating Municipality, an Assistant Emergency Coordinator (AEC);

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- b) declare, renew or terminate a State of Local Emergency, as outlined in the Regulations as may be required and if unavailable in a timely manner, permit the Mayor/Warden of the affected participating Municipality(s) to make such declarations;
 - c) shall cause the Emergency Management Plan or any part thereof to be implemented and may do everything necessary for the protection of property and the health or safety of persons pursuant to Section 14 of the Act;
 - d) may appropriate and expend monies to pay reasonable expenses of members of the REMO and to fulfill the terms and conditions of any agreement approved by the Councils;
- 2) The REMAC, in accordance with the Agreement;
- a) is responsible during a State of Local Emergency for the executive direction and management of emergency plans and activities within the Region and for advice to Councils pursuant to the Act;
 - b) recommends to Councils, Mayor or Warden, the Declaration (Renewal and Termination) of a State of Local Emergency, as outlined in the State of Emergency Regulations;
 - c) shall deliver a copy of any signed Declaration (Renewal and Termination) of a State of Local Emergency to the Emergency Management Office of Nova Scotia and the Minister and ensure that such Declarations are communicated effectively to the people of the area(s) affected;
 - e. with the approval of Councils may enter into agreements with the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia, a municipality, city or town, or any other agency or any person;
- 3) The REMC, as appointed by the REMAC, in accordance with the Agreement;
- a) shall chair the REMPC and co-ordinate, prepare and maintain emergency management plans;
 - b) shall, pursuant to Section 10 A of the Act, inform the Emergency Management Office (EMO) of any real or anticipated event or emergency and upon activation of a REOC or the Declaration of State of Local Emergency, prescribe, as necessary, duties to be fulfilled by employees, servants and agents of the municipality and co-ordinate REOC activities with the EMO;
- 4) The REMPC in accordance with the Agreement;
- a) shall include, but not be limited to, persons responsible during an emergency to provide health, law enforcement, fire, utilities, communications, transportation, public works, financial, legal or other essential community services;
 - b) shall provide recommendations to the REMC for the purpose of the development of regional emergency management plans, policy and procedures for the Region and provide briefings as requested by Council;

SECTION 4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF OTHERS IN A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Following the Declaration of a State of Local Emergency and for the duration of such, every councillor, employee and agent of the participating Municipality who has a key role in the execution of the emergency management plans shall fulfil such duties as may be required according to the emergency plans.

SECTION 5

The existing Emergency Measures By-Law #10 of the Town of Mahone Bay (2006) is hereby repealed upon the coming into effect of this By-Law.



C. Joe Feeney, Mayor



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