

1.0 General

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; the Town of Mahone Bay, and the Town of Lunenburg.

2.0 Definitions

In this By-law:

- a) “Act” means the *Emergency Management Act*, 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 January 18, 2017, among the participating Municipalities and as amended from time to time;
- d) “Minister” means the Minister responsible for Emergency Management of the Province of Nova Scotia;
- e) “Deputy Minister” means the Deputy Minister responsible for Emergency Management of the Province 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, the Town of Mahone Bay, and the Town of Lunenburg);
- g) “Region” means all territories within the participating Municipalities;
- h) “State of Local Emergency” means a state of a local emergency declared, renewed, or terminated by the Council, Mayor, or Warden of a participating Municipality;
- i) “Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC)” means the Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) operation centre as established, equipped, and serviced per the Agreement.

3.0 Responsibilities for Emergency Management

3.1 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 consist of:
- i. a Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee (REMAC);
 - ii. a Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee (REMPC);
 - iii. a Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (REMC); and
 - iv. for each participating Municipality, an Assistant Emergency Coordinator (AEC);
- b) declare, renew, or terminate a State of Local Emergency, as outlined in the State of Emergency Regulations as may be required and if unavailable in a timely manner, permit the Mayor or 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 and safety of persons pursuant to Section 14 of the *Act*;
- d) may appropriate and expend monies to pay reasonable expenses of members of REMO and to fulfill the terms and conditions of any agreement approved by the Councils;

3.2 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, or termination of a State of Local Emergency as outlined in the State of Emergency Regulations;
- c) shall deliver a copy of the signed Declaration, Renewal, or Termination of a State of Local Emergency to the Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office (NS EMO) and the Minister and ensure that such Declarations are communicated effectively to the people of the area(s) affected;
- d) 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;

3.3 REMC, as appointed by the REMAC, in accordance with the Agreement:

- a) shall chair the REMPC and coordinate, prepare, and maintain emergency plans;
- b) shall, pursuant to Section 10A of the *Act*, inform the Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office of any real or anticipated event or emergency and upon activation of an REOC or the Declaration of State or Local Emergency, prescribe, as necessary, duties to be fulfilled by employees, servants, and agents of the municipality and coordinate the REOC activities with NS EMO;

3.4 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 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.

4.0 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 fulfill such duties as may be required according to the emergency plans.

5.0 Rules and Responsibilities

Previously adopted versions of The Town of Mahone Bay Emergency Management Bylaw are hereby “repealed and replaced” or “amended” upon the effective date of the adoption of this “Regional Emergency Management” By-law.

6.0 Force and Effect

This by-law is effective upon publication.

David W. Devenne, Mayor

Maureen Hughes, Town Clerk

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a by-law passed at a duly convened meeting of the Council of the Town of MAHONE BAY, held on the 29th day of July, 2021.

Given under the hand of the Mayor and the Town Clerk and seal of the Town of Mahone Bay this 16th day of August, 2021.

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