

# Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

By-law Details	
Name	Regional Emergency Management By-law
Number	046
Legislative Authority	Emergency Management Act, S.N.S., 1990, 450(2) MGA
Effective Date	May 3, 2023

## Short Title

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

## Definitions

- 2 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.

### **Responsibilities for Emergency Management**

**3** (1) The Councils, in accordance with the Agreement:

- a) will 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) will 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;

(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) will 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;

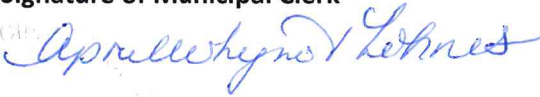
- d) with the approval of Councils, may enter into agreements with the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia, a municipality, city or town, or any other agency or any person;
- (3) REMC, as appointed by the REMAC, in accordance with the Agreement:
- a) will chair the REMPC and coordinate, prepare, and maintain emergency plans;
  - b) will, 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;
- (4) REMPC in accordance with the Agreement:
- a) will 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) will 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.

### **Responsibilities of Others in a State of Emergency**

- 4 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, will fulfill such duties as may be required according to the emergency plans.

### **Repeal**

- 5 MODL By-law 022 Regional Emergency Measures of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg adopted by Municipal Council on March 8, 2005 is hereby repealed and replaced with this new MODL By-law 046 Regional Emergency Management.

By-law Adoption	
Date of first reading	July 27, 2021
Date of advertisement of notice of intent to consider	August 11, 2021
Date of second reading	September 14, 2021
Date of advertisement of passage of by-law Effective date of the by-law unless otherwise specified in the text of this by-law.	May 3, 2023
Date of mailing a certified copy of by-law to Minister	September 22, 2021 May 10, 2023
Date of Ministerial Approval	March 20, 2023
I certify that this "Regional Emergency Management By-law" was adopted by Municipal Council and published as indicated above.	
Signature of Municipal Clerk 	Date May 10, 2023

Version	Amendment Description	Approval Date
Repeal & Replace	Replace By-law 022 as it was outdated and did not meet terms of Inter-Municipal Services Agreement of 2017.	May 3, 2023