

**Municipality of the District of Lunenburg**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of the REMO Advisory Committee**  
**Via Tele/Video Conference**  
**Monday, March 21, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

**Municipality of the District of Chester**

Warden Allen Webber (via Teams)

Deputy Warden Floyd Shatford (via Teams)

Tara Maguire, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (via Teams)

**Municipality of the District of Lunenburg**

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (via Teams)

**Town of Bridgewater**

Councillor Wayne Thorburne, Vice-Chair

Tammy Crowder, Chief Administrative Officer

**Town of Lunenburg**

Mayor Matt Risser (via Teams)

Deputy Mayor Peter Mosher (via Teams)

Kevin Malloy, Interim Chief Administrative Officer (via Teams)

Heather McCallum, Assistant Municipal Clerk, Town of Lunenburg (via Teams)

**Town of Mahone Bay**

Mayor David DeVenne, Chair (via Teams)

Councillor Penny Carver (via Teams)

Councillor Richard Nowe

Dylan Heide, Chief Administrative Officer (via Teams)

**Regrets**

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Councillor Michelle Greek, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator

Dan McDougall, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of the District of Chester

Mayor David Mitchell, Town of Bridgewater

Deputy Mayor Andrew Tanner, Town of Bridgewater

Councillor Susan Sanford, Town of Lunenburg

**NS EMO**

Andrew Mitton Emergency Management Preparedness Officer

**Staff**

Angela Henhoeffler, REMO Coordinator

Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor David DeVenne called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

A request was made to have an item added to the Agenda under Added Items - Lunenburg County Ground Search & Rescue contingency fund.

**Moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Thorburne that the Agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.**

## **3. Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2022**

**Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that the Minutes of January 17, 2022, REMO Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Motion carried.**

## **5. Business Arising from Minutes**

### **5.1 Emergency Management Bylaws**

Ms. Henhoeffler reported that the five municipal units were at various stages of completion. Some have been forwarded to the province for approval, but until all five have been submitted, they are not in effect.

### **5.2 REMO Planning Committee**

Ms. Henhoeffler reported that the first meeting of the Planning Committee took place on February 28, 2022. Two more meetings will take place in 2022 – June 20 and October 17, 2022.

### **5.3 2022/23 REMO Budget Approvals from Municipal Units**

Ms. Henhoeffler advised that all five municipal units have approved the 2022/23 REMO budget.

## **7. NS EMO UPDATES**

Andrew Mitton provided the following update:

- Extended congratulations to Ms. Henhoeffler and the Planning Committee on a very successful first meeting with almost 100% attendance
- As part of the ongoing Covid-19 situation, PPE is still being provided to fire agencies along with rapid test kits and some municipal units
- The State of Emergency has ended – it was the longest ever in the history of NS
- Normal meetings and training can once again continue including a Basic Emergency Management (BEM) for Lunenburg County REMO as well as an ICS 200 course next month
- Will be working with Ms. Henhoeffler on a Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment

## **4. Presentations**

### **4.1 Presentation from NS Public Safety Field Communications on Trunked Mobile Radios**

Scott Hawkes, Supervisor of Field Operations and Client Relations, and Matt Boyle, Director, with Public Safety and Field Communication (PSFC), a branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services, were in attendance to provide a presentation of the Trunked Mobile Radio System (TMR).

Mr. Boyle and Mr. Hawkes (via Teams) provided an overview of the following topics:

- PSFC – Who Are We, What We Do
- TMR Overview
- Systems We Manage
  - Nova Scotia Integrated Mobile Radio System (NSIMRS)
  - NS SAT COM
- Users in Nova Scotia
  - All NS Provincial Departments
  - “H” Division of RCMP
  - HRM
  - CBRM
  - Municipal Units
  - NS Volunteer Fire Departments
  - EHS
  - Numerous Federal Departments
  - Other: - Airports, Transport Links, Michelin, etc.
- Radio Interoperability Tools
- Highlights of Some Calls
- Mobile Communications support Duty Officers & Units

Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Boyle left the meeting.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 2021/2022 REMO Overview**

Ms. Henhoeffler presented the 2021/2022 REMO Overview, including:

- REMO Workplan Status
- Synopsis of 2021/22
- EMC Professional Contributions

## **8. REMO COORDINATOR UPDATES**

Ms. Henhoeffler reported the following:

- Comfort Centre signs are ordered
- REMO Planning meeting was held

- May 1 – 7<sup>th</sup> Emergency Preparedness Week
  - May 7<sup>th</sup> – Trade Fair / Touch-a-Truck Event – including a BBQ, mascots, prizes, etc.
  - Received a \$500 Fire Smart grant
  - Received a free Eastlink Community TV episode to promote emergency preparedness and the event
- Training & exercises dates solidified with NSEMO
- Social media campaigns for the public

## **9. ADDED ITEMS**

### **9.1 Lunenburg County Ground Search & Rescue**

It was reported that the Lunenburg County Ground Search & Rescue indicated they do not require any additional money at this time. It was agreed that the \$3,000 will remain in the contingency fund.

## **10. NEXT MEETING – Monday, May 16, 2022 - 1:30 p.m.**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**There being no further business at 2:39 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Thorburne seconded Councillor Nowe that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.**

# Lunenburg County REMO

March 21, 2022



Department of Service Nova Scotia & Internal Services  
Public Safety and Field Communications



# Public Safety and Field Communications (PSFC), who are we what do we do?

- We are a branch of the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services
- PSFC looks after the Trunked Mobile Radio (TMR) contract for all TMR users in Nova Scotia, we also work with the provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.
- We have a 24/7 dispatch center (Shubie Radio) and 24/7 MCS (Mobile Communications Support group)

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# Trunked mobile Radio (TMR) Overview

- 99 NS towers
- 16 PEI towers
- 100 + NB towers
- All connected to make one large network
- System administered by Bell
- Sites all connect back to a central controller via Bell fiber or microwave
- Back up power at all sites

# Trunked mobile Radio (TMR) Overview

- Penalties to Bell if service drops below contract metrics
- Bell Central Offices require power as well and are part of the radio network backhaul
- The network has many redundancies
- Seeding program for volunteer fire depts and Ground Search and Rescue also Municipal EMO

# Systems we manage

- Nova Scotia Integrated Mobile Radio System (NSIMRS)
  - 53 tower sites, with 35 supporting volunteer fire
  - Used for paging and operations
  - Microwave connected and connected at dispatch so it can be patched to any combination of VHF (very high frequency) sites or any TMR talkgroups
  - High reliability services (backup power, etc) and no equipment older than 2010 vintage in service
  - No charge to volunteers for use of this equipment



# Systems we manage

- NS SAT COM

- PSFC provides satellite phones to key players as a 'last resort' communications strategy
- Each GSAR team has two satellite phones, each Municipal EMO has one
- Other critical players are equipped
- PSFC keeps spare phones on hand, available for emergency deployment to others





Provincial  
Departments

# Nova Scotia



“H” Division



NS Volunteer Public Safety



Municipalities



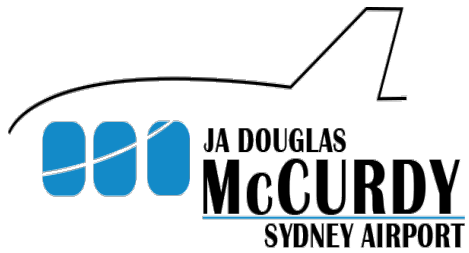
Ambulances

Canada

Federal Departments



# Others



## Airports



## Transport Links



**Commercial  
public safety  
support**

Dept. of Agriculture (AGR)	Bridgewater Police Department	Parks Canada, Highlands
Dept. of Community Services	Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA)	Parks Canada, Kejimikujik
Red Cross	Canadian Coast Guard (CCG)	Port Hawkesbury Paper
Salvation Army	Cape Breton Regional Municipality (CBRM)	Pt Tupper Terminals/NuStar Terminals
Dept. of Internal Services - Risk Management	Capital District Health Authority	Town of Kentville Police
Dept. of Internal Services - Province House Security	CN Police Services	Town of Truro Police
Nova Scotia Environment Conservation Officers	Cobequid Pass	Waste Check Yarmouth
Dept. Of Natural Resources - District	Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO)	
Emergency Health Services	Dept. of National Defence (DND) - Greenwood	
Emergency Management Office - Provincial	Dept. of National Defence (DND) - Halifax	
Executive Council	Environment Canada	
Fisheries Inland	ExxonMobil	
Health Services Emergency Management	Halifax Harbour Bridges	
Justice - Community Corrections	Halifax International Airport	
Justice - Corrections	Halifax Port Authority	
Justice - Provincial Firearms Office	Heritage Gas	
Justice - Public Safety Investigations	Halifax Regional Municipality Fire	
Justice - Sheriff's	Halifax Regional Municipality Police	
Motor Carrier Division	Halifax Regional Municipality Transit	
Municipal Police Department (MPD) - Amherst	Halifax Regional Municipality Works	
Municipal Police Department (MPD) - New Glasgow	JA Douglas McCurdy- Sydney Airport	
Municipal Police Department (MPD) - Stellarton	Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC)	
Municipal Police Department (MPD) - Westville	Marine Communications and Traffic Services (MCTS)	
Motor Vehicle Inspection	Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline/Spectra Energy	
Service Nova Scotia Audit and Enforcement	Michelin Canada - Bridgewater	
Nova Scotia Environment - Compliance Division	Michelin Canada - Granton	
Office of the Fire Marshal	Michelin Canada - Waterville	
Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)	Municipality of Cumberland By-Law	
Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal	Municipality of Kings By-Law	
Vehicle Compliance	Municipality of Shelburne By-Law	
Annapolis Royal Police Department	Municipality of the County of Victoria - Public Works	

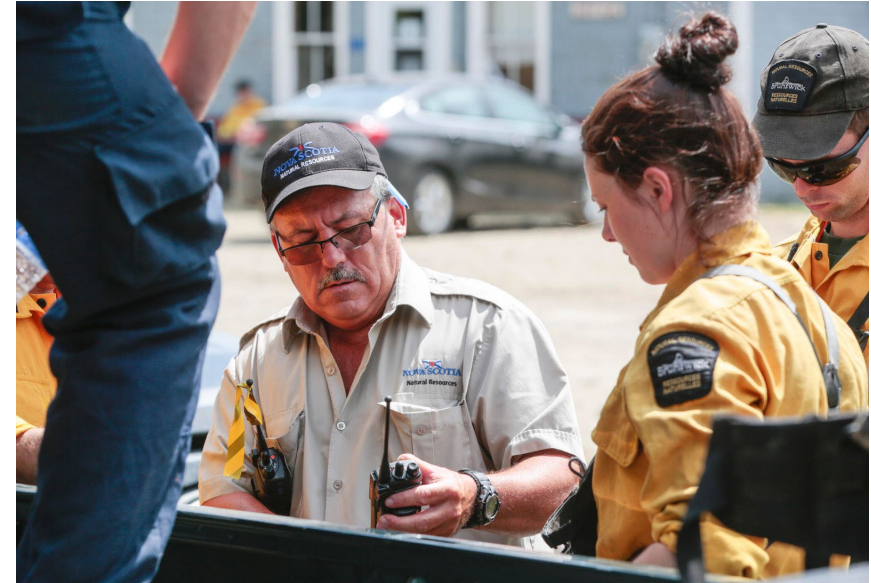
# Radio Interoperability Tools

13,000 radios in Nova Scotia share the following programming

- 8 Mutual Aid talkgroups
- 2 Maritime common talkgroups
- 3 simplex shared frequencies

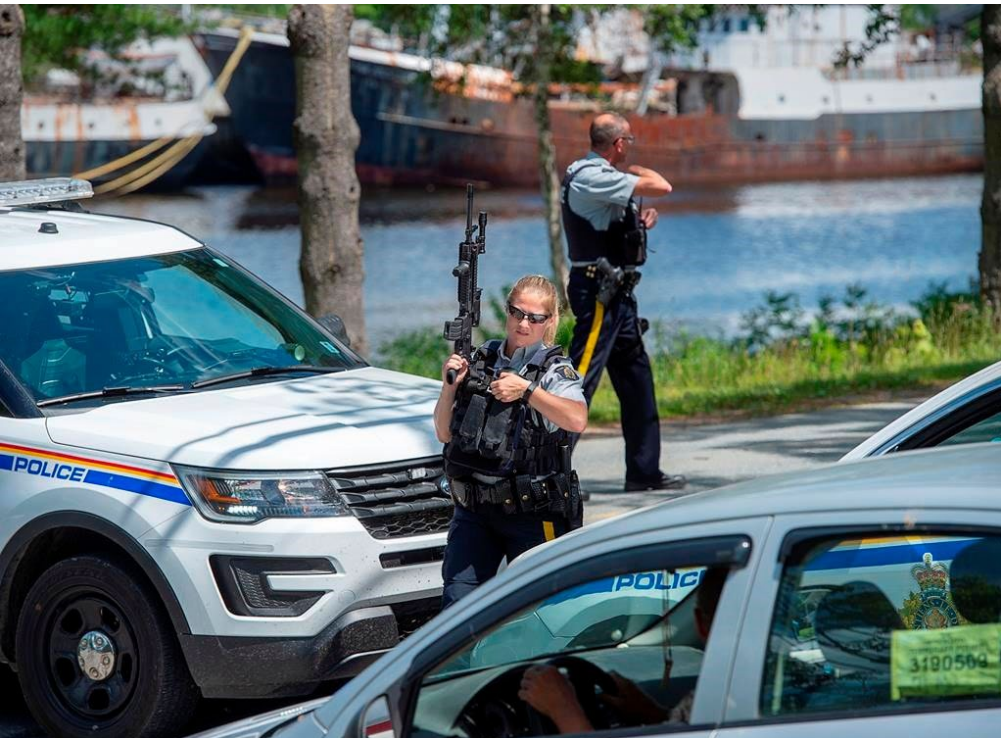
Law Enforcement Officers have additional capabilities

- 6 shared provincial Law talkgroups NS LAW 1-6
- 3 Maritime wide shared Law talkgroups MAR LAW 1-3
- All encrypted through a shared Key Management Facility



# Highlights of some of the calls

- Manhunt in Bridgewater for attempted murder suspect



Nova Scotia

## Police arrest Bridgewater fugitive after days-long search



Witnesses say Tobias Doucette tried to steal a truck Saturday night before his arrest

[Haley Ryan](#) · CBC News · Posted: Jul 26, 2020 1:45 AM AT | Last Updated: July 26

# Highlights of some of the calls

- Search for suspect in child abduction in Cape Breton



Nova Scotia

**Cape Breton man charged with child abduction in missing teen case**

# Highlights of some of the calls

- Military Police with other Police forces



# Common 1 and Common 2



# Highlights of some of the calls

- Tantramar Marsh closed to high sided vehicles



# Highlights of some of the calls

- Large scale Ground Searches



ATLANTIC

## Search for missing 80-year-old woman underway in Kings County, N.S.



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[80-year-old N.S. woman reported missing](#)



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# Highlights of some of the calls

- Forest Fire Chester Grant



# Highlights of some of the calls

- Evacuation of a seniors complex
- Searches
- Propane leak
- Causeway coordination
- Vehicle fire
- Link to the state of Maine!
- Water Rescue water recovery
- Forest fires
- Structure fires
- Aircraft with multiple patients
- Body recovery

# Highlights of some of the calls

- Truck carrying propane cylinders on fire
- Stage collapse
- Ice rescue
- Snowmobile accident
- Home explosion
- Horse rescue
- Car vs house
- Plane crash
- Hazmat
- Seadoo crash
- Cliff rescue
- MVC's

# Mobile Communications Support Duty officers

- PSFC has 4 core duty officers; Scott Hawkes, Mark Turner, Scott Fisher and Paul Maynard.
- Each does a week of on call
- Responsible to ensure coms requests are met.
- Support for: coverage infill, extra radio equipment, linking of various platforms including TMR when in site trunking.

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# Mobile Communication Support Units



# Questions?



<http://novascotia.ca/is/branch/psfc>

**Shubie Radio 1-877-293-6977**

