

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Notes of a Special Meeting of the REMO Advisory Committee

Held in Council Chamber, 10 Allée Champlain Drive, Cookville, NS & Hybrid

March 12, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

Attendance

Municipality of the District of Chester

Warden Allen Webber
Councillor Andre Veinotte
Deputy Warden Abdella Assaf
Tara Maguire, CAO
Erin Lowe, Deputy CAO
Bruce Blackwood, AEC – via Teams

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Mayor Elspeth McLean-Wile
Councillor Martin Bell – via Teams
Tom MacEwan, CAO
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Bruce Parks, AEC

Town of Bridgewater

Mayor David Mitchell, Chair
Councillor Braden Newell
Tammy Crowder, CAO
Mark Flint, Deputy CAO – via Teams
Patrick Hirtle, AEC

Town of Lunenburg

Mayor Jamie Myra, Vice-Chair
Deputy Mayor Rachel Bailey (via Teams)

Town of Mahone Bay

Mayor Suzanne Lohnes Croft
Councillor Penny Carver (via Teams)
Dylan Heide, CAO
Eric Levy, Deputy CAO
Jeffrey Langille, AEC (via Teams)

Regrets

Angela Corkum, AEC

Staff

Angela Henhoeffler, REMO Manager

1. Call to Order

Mayor David Mitchell called the meeting to order at 11:01am

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Mayor Jamie Myra, seconded by Warden Webber that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

3. Business Arising from Notes

3.1 REMO 2025-2026 Budget Discussion

Tara Maguire spoke on a third budget option – Chester hires their own full time Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) and 1/3 FTE (or 12 hours) is used by REMO and charged back to REMO.

Discussion regarding the third option was not presented to Councils in advance however there is strength of having additional staff with more local involvement in MODC. TOMB has reviewed the third option, and its Council approves it. By moving to an Option 3 its focus is on keeping REMO working together as a group.

CAOs have not yet worked out details of MODC third position with the 1/3 charge back and Advisory requested clarity on the use of position. The CAOs will work on this and it will be sent to all Councils along with the motion and budget.

Future discussions need to occur regarding governance related issues.

Moved by Mayor Jamie Myra and seconded by Deputy Warden Abdella Assaf “that REMO Advisory Members recommend Option 3 to their Councils and have staff prepare information required to take the Option 3 to Councils by end of week”. Carried unanimously

4. Next meeting date and Adjournment – May 26, 2025

There being no further business, Council Braden Newell moved the meeting adjournment at 12:30 pm.