APPROVED by Municipal Council

Date: September 26, 2023

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Municipal Council

Via Video/Audio Conferencing

Monday, July 24, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Attendance

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson
Deputy Mayor Pam Hubley, District 4
Councillor Leitha Haysom, District 1
Councillor Martin Bell, District 2
Councillor Wendy Oickle, District 3
Councillor Cathy Moore, District 5
Councillor Sandra Statton, District 6
Councillor Michelle Greek, District 7
Councillor Kacy DeLong, District 8
Councillor Reid Whynot, District 9
Councillor Chasidy Veinotte, District 10

Staff

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy CAO
Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mayor Bolivar-Getson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and began by acknowledging that the meeting was held in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. Discussion re Local State of Emergency – Rayport Campground Evacuation

The Special Council Meeting was called to deal with a mandatory evacuation order for the area known as Rayport Campground, located at 161 Shingle Mill Road and 165 Shingle Mill Road, at Martins River.

Mr. MacEwan advised the Rayport Campground had over 100 occupants who were not able to exit the campground because of the flooding on Shingle Mill Road in Martins River. He reported that an alternate unauthorized exit onto Highway 3 had been created to allow occupants to leave causing a safety hazard and that a mandatory evacuation order was required to ensure the safety of the occupants' exit from the campground.

Mr. MacEwan noted that there were occupants who may require shelter.

It was noted that the road to the residences surrounding the campground was intact and that there was no threat to residents. However, should the situation change, the evacuation order could be expanded to include the surrounding residences.

It was clarified that the trigger for declaring a local state of emergency in the area was the creation of an unauthorized exit from the campground causing a safety hazard.

The Form 4 – Declaration of a State of Local Emergency was read in full.

2023-123 Moved by Councillor DeLong, seconded by Councillor Whynot that Municipal Council declare a local state of emergency, pursuant to Section 12(2) of the Emergency Management Act, for the area known as Rayport Campground, located at 161 Shingle Mill Road and 165 Shingle Mill Road, Martins River, the Nature of the Emergency being a mandatory evacuation of the campground due to flooding on Shingle Mill Road resulting in the campground being completely inaccessible; and further that the local state of emergency begin at 12:15 p.m. on July 24, 2023 and exist for a maximum of seven (7) days, unless renewed or terminated as provided for in Section 20 of the Emergency Management Act. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Dumaresq advised that the campground owner was cooperating with the order and advising campers of the mandatory evacuation.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m. Carried.

FORM 4

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
(Council of Municipality)

Section 12(2) of the *Emergency Management Act*, S.N.S. 1990, c.8

WHEREAS the area herein described is or may soon be encountering an emergency that requires prompt action to protect property or the health, safety or welfare of persons therein;

Emergency Area:

The area generally described as

The area known as RayPort Campground located at 161 Shingle Mill Road and 165 Shingle Mill Road, Martins River.

Province of Nova Scotia (hereafter referred to as the "Designated Area(s)") Yes (✓) No ( )

Nature of the Emergency:

Mandatory evacuation of the campground due to flooding of Shingle Mill Road resulting in the campground being completely inaccessible.

AND WHEREAS the undersigned is satisfied that an emergency as defined in Section 2(b) of Chapter 8 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1990, the *Emergency Management Act*, exists or may exist in the Designated Area(s) noted above;

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY DECLARES pursuant to Section 12(2) of the *Emergency Management Act*, a State of Local Emergency in the Municipality noted above as of and from 12:15 o'clock in the forenoon ( ) or afternoon (x) of the 24th day of July, 2023.

THIS DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY shall exist ~~until_____ o'clock in the forenoon ( ) or afternoon ( ) of the_____ day of_____, 20__, or~~ for a maximum of 7 days from the date and time specified above unless the Declaration is renewed or terminated as provided in Section 20 of the *Emergency Management Act*.

DATED at Cookville, in the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg, Province of Nova Scotia, this 24th day of July 2023..

THOMAS MacEWAN
A Barrister of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

Council, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Name: Carolyn Bolivar Getson

Position: Mayor

[Authorized by Resolution No. 07-24-2023 dated the 24th day of July, 2023]

EVACUATION ORDER BY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This area is being evacuated immediately. It is not safe to remain in the campground or emergency services may be unable to get to you.

Emergency Area:

The area known as the RayPort Campground located at 161 Shingle Mill Road and 165 Shingle Mill Road, Martins River.

Due to Threat of: Inaccessible location (RayPort Campground) because of flooding of Shingle Mill Road

The undersigned is satisfied that an emergency as defined in section 2(b) of Chapter 8 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1990, the Emergency Management Act, exists, or may exist in the Designated Area above;

Therefore, an evacuation of the area(s) designated above is ordered as of and from 12:15 pm of the 24th day of July, 2023.

ALL entry to the area will be restricted until further notice.

Date: July 24/23

Time: 12:45 pm

Signed: Carolyn Bolivar Getson

Carolyn Bolivar Getson

Position: Mayor