

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS



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BY-LAW # 89

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BY-LAW

A By-law to Provide for a Prompt and Coordinated Response to a State of Local Emergency.

The Council of the Municipality of the County of Kings, under the authority vested in it by the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.N.S. 1999, and the *Emergency Management Act*, R.S.N.S. 1990,c.8, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This By-law may be cited as the "Regional Emergency Management By-Law".

INTERPRETATION

2. In this By-law
 - a. "Act" means the *Emergency Management Act*, R.S.N.S. 1990, c.8;
 - b. "Agreement" means the Kings Regional Emergency Services Agreement made between the Town of Berwick, the Town of Kentville, the Town of Wolfville and Municipality of the County of Kings pursuant to Section 10 (2) of the Act executed by all of the Participating Parties in the year 2006 and attached to this By-law as Schedule 1;
 - c. "Council" means the Council of the Municipality of the County of Kings;
 - d. "Councils" means the Councils of the Town of Berwick, the Town of Kentville, the Town of Wolfville and the Municipality of the County of Kings also referred to herein individually as a "Participating Municipality" or collectively as "Participating Municipalities";
 - e. "Councillor" means a member of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Kings;
 - f. "Director" means the Director of the Nova Scotia Emergency Management Organization;

- g. "Emergency" means a present or imminent event which requires the prompt co-ordination of action or regulation of persons or property to be undertaken to protect property or the health, safety or welfare of people;
- h. "Minister" means the member of the Executive Council of the Province of Nova Scotia to whom is assigned the administration of the Act and regulations made pursuant thereto;
- i. "Emergency Management Plans" means plans, programs or procedures prepared by the Municipality of the County of Kings and the Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO) that are intended to mitigate the effects of an emergency and to provide for the safety, health or welfare of the civil population and the protection of property in the event of such an emergency;
- j. "Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee" means the committee established by the Agreement to plan and be responsible for the direction and management of emergency activities;
- k. "Regional Emergency Management Coordinator" means the person appointed to serve as the staff person in accordance with the Agreement;
- l. "Regional Emergency Management Organization" means the organization established in accordance with the Agreement, and also referred to as "REMO";
- m. "Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee" means the committee responsible for recommending policy to the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee, for preparing a Regional Emergency Management Plan, and for maintaining a state of preparedness for emergencies;
- n. "State of Emergency Regulations" means regulations made pursuant to the Act;
- o. "State of local emergency" means a state of local emergency declared or renewed pursuant to the Act and Regulations made pursuant thereto.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

- 3. The Agreement is hereby adopted and approved.
- 4. Regional Emergency Management Organization in accordance with the Agreement is hereby established.

5. The Regional Emergency Management Organization shall consist of the following persons and Committees:
 - a. a Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee;
 - b. a Regional Emergency Management Coordinator; the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators shall act as assistant Regional Emergency Management Coordinators; and
 - c. a Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

6. The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator and Assistant Coordinators identified in the Agreement shall be the Emergency Management Coordinator and Assistant Coordinators for the Municipality of the County of Kings.
7. The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator shall be paid for work performed in accordance with the Agreement.
8. The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator shall:
 - a. perform such duties as may be provided for in the Agreement.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

9. The Municipality of the County of Kings shall appoint representatives to the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee as the Agreement provides.

COST SHARING

10. The Municipality of the County of Kings shall pay its portion of any costs associated with the Regional Emergency Management Organization as outlined in the Agreement.

RELATIONSHIP TO INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY BY-LAW

11. Bylaw # 61 of the Municipality of the County of Kings shall be subject to the provisions of this REMO By-law only in the event that a Regional Emergency has been declared in accordance with the REMO Agreement.

History of this By-law

Enacted - July 4, 2006