



ATTENDING

- Dan Stovel, Chair - REMPC
- Andrew Mitton, EMO NS
- Debbie Mahoney, Dept Community Services
- Jeff Skaling, Canning Fire Dept, Chief Officers Working Group
- James Redmond, Village of New Minas
- Alphonse Penny, Amateur Radio Club
- Scott Austin, Amateur Radio Club
- Charlene Brown, Kentville – EMO Liaison
- Angela Cruickshank, Village of Canning
- Lisa Landry, Red Cross
- Darryl Brown, Kentville Police – Deputy Chief
- David Cunningham, Valley Communications
- Lisa Amon, Recording Secretary

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

- Bob Caissie, Acadia University
- Scott Quinn, County of Kings – EMO Liaison
- Laura McNamara, Canadian Red Cross
- Lewis Benedict, Port Williams Village
- Wayne Blenkhorn, Port Williams Village
- Robert Sealby, Village of Greenwood
- Shawn Carey, Village of Aylesford
- Darren Durling, Kings Transit Authority
- Christopher Dunkley, NS Health Authority
- Gerald Toney, Annapolis Valley First Nations
- David Smith, NS Agriculture
- Cory Isenor, Dept of Lands and Forestry
- Scott Walsh, DTIR
- John Walker, EHS
- Amanda Francis, Glooscap First Nations EMO
- Watson Armstrong, Kings County Firefighters Association
- Mike McCleave, Village of Kingston

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
1. Call to Order	Chair, Dan Stovel – REMC, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Introductions	A roundtable of introductions was conducted
3. Approval of Agenda	MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MARCH 21, 2019 REMPC MEETING AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED CARRIED
4. Approval of Minutes	MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2018 REMPC MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED CARRIED
a. June 20, 2018	
5. New Business	
a. Kings REMO Regional Emergency Evacuation Plan	The Kings REMO Regional Emergency Evacuation Plan was presented to Municipal Councils for approval as per the following schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019-02-05 Wolfville Committee of the Whole • 2019-02-11 Kentville Council Advisory Committee • 2019-02-19 Municipality of Kings Committee of the Whole • 2019-02-19 Wolfville Council (for approval) • 2019-02-25 Kentville Council (for approval) • 2019-02-26 Berwick Committee of the Whole • 2019-03-05 Municipality of Kings Council (for approval)



- 2019-03-12 Berwick Council (for approval)

ACTION:

- **REMP to distribute the Kings REMO Regional Emergency Evacuation Plan as outlined in Section 6.0 of the Plan**
- **Plan to be evaluated during the April 26th Flood-Evacuation discussion-based exercise**

b. Kings REMO Flood Preparedness & Response Plan (Draft)

The Draft Kings REMO Flood Preparedness and Response Plan (FRRP) was presented to the Committee for discussion and review.

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REMPC FORWARD THE KINGS REMO FLOOD PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN, DATED MARCH 2019, TO THE APRIL 15TH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL BY MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AS PER THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

2019-05-07	Wolfville Committee of the Whole
2019-05-13	Kentville Council Advisory Committee
2019-05-21	Municipality of Kings Committee of the Whole
2019-05-21	Wolfville Council for approval
2019-05-27	Kentville Council for approval
2019-05-28	Berwick Committee of the Whole
2019-06-04	Municipality of Kings Council for approval
2019-06-11	Berwick Council for approval

CARRIED

c. Heat Advisory and Response System (HARS)

- Kings County has been designated to support the development of a Regional Heat Advisory and Response System as a template for the province.
- Timeline for HARS Plan to be approved by Council:
 - 2019-06-20 Draft Kings REMO HARS - REMPC
 - 2019-07-15 Draft Kings REMO HARS - REMAC
 - Sep/Oct Municipal Councils for Approval

d. Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR)

The VPR program is aimed to improve the safety of those most vulnerable during emergencies by providing local emergency service groups with immediate access to key information surrounding individual circumstances.

A VPR program has been in existence in Sault Ste Marie since October 2011. The Sault Ste Marie Innovation Centre (SSMIC) is willing to share all documentation (Software, Website, Standard Operating Procedures, Registration Form and Legal Forms) with Kings County at no cost for implementation in Kings County.



MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REMPC SUPPORT ADOPTING A VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY FOR KINGS COUNTY AND FORWARD TO THE APRIL 15, 2019 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

CARRIED

- e. Community Outreach** REMC views Community Outreach as an integral part of Emergency Preparedness throughout Kings County.

Since the December 12th meeting, the REMC has provided presentations on Emergency Preparedness to the following Communities/Organizations:

- 2019-01-10 Annapolis Valley Ridge Runners
- 2019-02-07 Port Williams Community Centre
- 2019-03-08 Port Williams Library Community Group
- 2019-03-21 Special Care Emergency Preparedness Association (SCEPA)

The forecast of upcoming Community Outreach sessions includes the following:

- 2019-03-25 Harbourville Community Centre
- 2019-03-28 Grand View Manor – Berwick, Staff
- 2019-04-02 Kentville Library Community Group
- 2019-04-18 Berwick & District Lions Club
- 2019-05-14 Port Williams Health Authority
- 2019-05-16 Wolfville and District Lions Club
- 2019-05-24 Berwick Library Community Group
- 2019-06-11 Berwick Baptist Church

ACTION: REMPC membership to spread the word about Emergency Preparedness

- f. Kings REMO Press Releases**

The following Press Releases were presented to the Planning Committee for review/approval:

- 2019-04-01 Wildfire Season Awareness Mar 15 – Oct 15
- 2019-05-01 Emergency Preparedness Week May 5 – May 11
- 2019-06-01 Hurricane Season Awareness Jun 1 – Nov 30

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REMPC APPROVE THE KINGS REMO PRESS RELEASES IN SUPPORT OF THE 2019 WILDFIRE SEASON AWARENESS, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK, AND HURRICANE SEASON AWARENESS

CARRIED



g. Kings REMO Training

(1) Incident Command System (ICS) Training

The following 2019 ICS Training is forecast for Western Zone

- 2019-05-08/09/10 ICS-300 (Annapolis County)
- 2019-06-26/27 ICS-200 (Kings County)
- 2019-07-18/19 ECC (Annapolis County)
- 2019-09-13/14/15 ICS-300 (West Hants)
- 2019-09-24 or 25 EPI (Kings County)

ACTION: REMAC to send out announcement for June ICS-200 Course to REMPC membership for distribution throughout Kings County

(2) 2019-01-25 Winter Storm-Power Outage Exercise After Action Report

The January 25th Winter Storm-Power Outage Preparedness discussion-based exercise After Action Report (AAR) was presented to the REMPC for discussion.

- 29 Participants/Observers with 15 feedback forms received
- What went well:
 - Capabilities and Limitations – familiarization of participating organizations
 - Level of participation – increased understanding of staff's roles and responsibilities
 - Incident Command System – increasing awareness across Kings REMO

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE REMPC APPROVE AND FORWARD THE JANUARY 25th WINTER STORM-POWER OUTAGE PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE AFTER ACTION REPORT TO THE APRIL 15TH REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

CARRIED

(3) 2019-04-26 Flood-Evacuation Exercise Scenario

- REMC outlined that in keeping with the quarterly training program for the Kings REMO Emergency Coordination Centre staff, the next regularly scheduled exercise will be a Flood-Evacuation scenario exercise on Friday, April 26, 2019
- The exercise is structured to test preparedness, response and recovery for a flood-evacuation scenario

ACTION: REMC to provide a 'Situation Manual' to all participants by April 19, 2019



(4) Training Forecast

Forecast for future Kings REMO Training includes:

- Jul 2019 Municipality of Kings ECC familiarization
- Fall 2019 ECC Operational Exercise
 - An action-based exercise where personnel rehearse reactions to an incident scenario, drawing on their understanding of plans and procedures, roles and responsibilities
- Spring 2020 Regional Disaster Exercise
 - Community involvement

6. Roundtable Discussion

Andrew Mitton, NS EMO

- The Minister of Municipal Affairs announced, on March 5th, amendments to the [NS Emergency 911 Act](#)
- The changes will make more services available to Nova Scotians during emergencies and severe weather events
- There will be meetings in the coming week to discuss approval on how the \$8,000,000 surplus should be spent. The 911 fee surplus is managed by a board and not government funds

David Cunningham, Valley Communications

- Grassfire Season has started as of March 15th

Alphonse Penny, Amateur Radio Club

- There will be an Emergency Communications Course held on March 30th (9:00am-4:00pm) at the Aylesford & District Fire Hall

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

Approved at the June 20, 2019 Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee Meeting

As recorded by Lisa Amon, Administrative Support to REMPC