

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF PICTOU
REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES BY-LAW
A By-law to Provide for a
Prompt and Co-ordinated Response to a State of Local Emergency**

The Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, under the authority vested in it by the *Municipal Government Act*, R.S.N.S. 1999, and the *Emergency Measures Act*, R.S.N.S. 1990, C.8, s.10, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This By-law may be cited as the “Regional Emergency Measures By-law.”

INTERPRETATION

2. In this By-law,
 - (b) “Act” means the *Emergency Measures Act*, R.S.N.S. 1990, c.8;
 - (c) “Agreement” means the inter-municipal emergency services agreement among the Town of New Glasgow, the Town of Pictou, the Town of Trenton, the Town of Stellarton, the Town of Westville and the Municipality of the County of Pictou pursuant to Section 10 (2) of the Act, dated July 31, 1990, and as amended from time to time;
 - (d) “Council” means the Council of the Municipality of the County of Pictou.
 - (e) “Councils” means the Councils of the Municipality of the County of Pictou, the Town of New Glasgow, the Town of Pictou, the Town of Trenton, the Town of Stellarton and the Town of Westville;
 - (f) “Councillor” means a member of the Council;
 - (g) “Director” means the Director of the Nova Scotia Emergency Measures Organization;
 - (h) “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;

- (i) "Minister" means the member of the Executive Council to whom is assigned the administration of the Act and Regulations;
- (j) "Emergency Measures Plans" means plans, programs or procedures prepared by the Regional Emergency Measures Organization (REMO) that are intended to mitigate the effects of an emergency or disaster and to provide for the safety, health or welfare of the civil population and the protection of property in the event of such an occurrence;
- (j) "Regional Unified Command Group (RUCG) means the group established by the Agreement to plan for and be responsible for the executive direction and management of emergency activities;
- (k) "Regional Emergency Measures Co-ordinator" (REMC) means the person appointed to serve as the staff person in accordance with the agreement;
- (l) "Regional Emergency Measures Organization" (REMO) means the Organization established as per the Agreement;
- (m) "Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee" (REMPC) means the Committee responsible to recommend policy to the Regional Unified Command Group;
- (n) "State of Emergency Regulations" means regulations approved by the Governor in Council by Order in Council 92-61, Regulation 17/92, as amended from time to time;
- (o) "State of local emergency" means a state of local emergency declared by the Council of a participating municipality pursuant to the Act or by a Mayor or Warden in the event Council cannot be assembled in a timely manner or renewed pursuant to the Act and Regulations made pursuant thereto and this By-law.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

- 3. The Council hereby agrees to the establishment of a Regional Emergency Measures Organization in accordance with the Agreement.
- 4. The Regional Emergency Measures Organization shall consist of the following persons and Committees:

- (a) Regional Unified Command Group;
- (b) Regional Emergency Measures Co-ordinator; and
- (c) Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee.

REGIONAL UNIFIED COMMAND GROUP

- 5. Council shall appoint the senior elected municipal official, and a suitable alternate, to the Regional Unified Command Group in accordance with the Agreement for such term as the Agreement provides.
- 6. The Regional Unified Command Group shall:
 - (a) be responsible for directing and overseeing the development of the regional emergency measures plan;
 - (b) brief Council(s) on the development of these plans;
 - (c) recommend the declaration of a State of Local Emergency to the Council(s) of participating municipalities, as required, or in the event such Council(s) cannot be assembled in a timely manner, the senior elected official of the affected municipality(s) may declare such a state in accordance with the Act;
 - (d) be responsible for the Executive direction and management of emergency activities during a State of Local Emergency;
 - (e) with the approval of the Minister, recommend the renewal of a State of Local Emergency;
 - (f) brief Council(s) on developments during a State of Local Emergency;
 - (g) recommend the termination of a State of Local Emergency;

- (h) ensure a copy of any signed declaration of a state of local emergency is delivered to the Minister and the Director.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES COORDINATOR

- 8. The Regional Emergency Measures Co-ordinator shall be appointed in accordance with the Agreement.
- 9. The Regional Emergency Measures Co-ordinator shall be paid for work incurred under this By-law in accordance with the Agreement.
- 10. The Regional Emergency Measures Co-ordinator shall:
 - (a) chair the Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee;
 - (b) co-ordinate and prepare regional emergency measures plans;
 - (c) following the declaration of a State of Local Emergency, prescribe necessary duties to be fulfilled by employees, servants and agents of the Municipalities;
 - (d) perform such duties as may be required by the Unified Command Group or as provided for in the Agreement.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES PLANNING COMMITTEE

- 11. Each party shall appoint an appropriate local municipal emergency measures co-ordinating representatives to the Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee as the Agreement provides.
- 12. The provision of appropriate representatives and their alternates to the REMPC will be co-ordinated by the REMC. The Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee shall include, but not be limited to, persons responsible during an emergency to provide:
 - (i) community services;

- (ii) law enforcement;
- (iii) fire-control;
- (iv) engineering services;
- (v) health services;
- (vi) public information;
- (vii) transportation;
- (viii) communications;
- (ix) hospital;
- (x) utilities;
- (xi) financial services;
- (xii) legal services.

13. The Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee shall:

- (a) assist the Regional Emergency Measures Co-ordinator in the preparation and co-ordination of regional emergency measures plans;
- (b) advise the Unified Command Group, as required, on the development of regional emergency measures plans;
- (c) upon request, assist the Regional Unified Command Group in the briefing of Councils on the development of regional emergency measures plans;
- (d) assume Incident Command System (ICS) duties within any Regional Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) that might be established in response to an emergency requirement in the region.

AGREEMENTS

14. The Council hereby agrees that the Regional Unified Command Group may enter into agreements with the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia, a

municipality, city or town, or any other agency or any person. In the event any such agreement may involve financial costs, the agreement will require approval by all participating REMO municipalities.

DUTY OF COUNCIL

15. The Council may appropriate and expend monies:
- (a) to pay reasonable expenses of members of the Regional Unified Command Group, the Regional Emergency Measures Co-ordinator and the Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee; and
 - (b) to fulfil the terms and conditions of any agreements as per Section 14.

DUTIES DURING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

16. Following the issuance of a declaration under Section 6, and for the duration of the State of Local Emergency:
- (a) every Councillor shall keep the Mayor/Warden posted respecting their whereabouts;
 - (b) Every employee, servant and agent of the Municipality who has a key role to play in such emergencies as identified in the regional emergency measures plans shall:
 - (i) advise the Regional Emergency Measures Co-ordinator of their whereabouts; and
 - (ii) fulfil such duties as may be prescribed by the Regional Emergency Measures Co-ordinator.

REPEAL

17. The Civil Emergency Planning By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Pictou passed on December 4, 1995 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on January 5, 1996, is hereby repealed.

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