

**REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES BYLAW  
BY-LAW #10**

A Bylaw to Provide for a Prompt and Coordinated Response to a State of Local Emergency.

The Council of the Town of Mahone Bay, 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 Bylaw may be cited as the “Regional Emergency Measures Bylaw”.

**INTERPRETATION**

2. In this Bylaw,
  - a. “Act” means the *Emergency Measures Act*, R.S.N.S. 1990, c.8;
  - b. “Agreement” means the Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement among the Town of Bridgewater, Town of Mahone Bay, Municipality of the District of Chester, and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg pursuant to Section 10 (2) of the Act, dated April 1, 2005, and as amended from time to time;
  - c. “Council” means the Council of the Town of Mahone Bay;
  - d. “Councils” means the Councils of the Town of Bridgewater, Town of Mahone Bay, Municipality of the District of Chester, and the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg;
  - e. “Councillor” means a member of the Council;
  - f. “Director” means the Director of the Nova Scotia Emergency Measures Organization;
  - g. “Emergency” means a present or imminent event which requires the prompt coordination 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;

- i. "Emergency Measures Plan" 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 Coordinator"(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 develop and recommend policy and emergency plans 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 Bylaw.

#### **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. a Regional Unified Command Group;
  - b. a Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator; and
  - c. a Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee

**REGIONAL UNIFIED COMMAND GROUP**

5. The Council of each member Unit shall appoint two members, one of whom shall be the senior elected Municipal official, 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 EMO NS who in turn will deliver to the Director and the Minister;
  - i. Following the signature of a Declaration of a State of Local Emergency shall immediately cause the declaration or termination to be communicated or published by such means as the Council considers the most likely to make the contents of the declaration or termination known to the people of the area affected.

**REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES COORDINATOR**

8. The Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with the Agreement.
9. The Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator shall be paid for work incurred under this Bylaw in accordance with the Agreement.
10. The Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator shall:
  - a. Chair the Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee;
  - b. coordinate and prepare the regional emergency measures plan;
  - c. perform such duties as may be required by the Regional Unified Command Group or as provided for in the Agreement.

**REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES PLANNING COMMITTEE**

11. Each party shall appoint appropriate local Municipal emergency measures coordinating representatives to the Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee as the Agreement provides.
12. The provision of appropriate representatives and their alternates to the Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee will be coordinated by the Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator. The Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee shall include, but not be limited to, persons responsible during an emergency to provide:
  - a. community services;
  - b. law enforcement;
  - c. fire control;
  - d. engineering services;
  - e. health services;
  - f. public information;
  - g. transportation;
  - h. communications;

- i. hospital services;
  - j. utilities;
  - k. financial services and administration;
  - l. legal services.
13. The Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee shall:
- a. assist the Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator in the coordination and preparation of the regional emergency measures plan;
  - b. advise the Regional Unified Command Group as required on the development of the regional emergency measures plan, and
  - c. 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 in accordance with the Regional Emergency Measures Plan.

#### **AGREEMENTS**

14. The Council 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, any other agency, or any person during an emergency only. Any long-term Agreements must be approved by a simple majority of the member Units as parties to the Agreement.

#### **DUTY OF COUNCIL**

15. a. The Council may appropriate and expend monies to pay reasonable expenses of members of the Regional Unified Command Group, the Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator and the Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee; and to fulfill the terms and conditions of any Agreements as per Section 14.
- b. As per Section 10 (1) (e) of the *Emergency Measures Act*, Council must approve the Regional Emergency Measures Plan;

**DUTIES DURING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

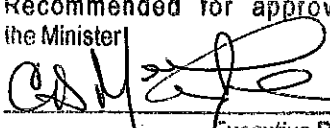
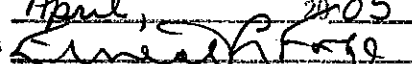
- 16. Following the issuance of a declaration under Section 6, and for the duration of the State of Local Emergency:
  - a. every Councillor shall keep the Mayor posted respecting their whereabouts;
  - b. every employee, servant, and agent of the Town who has a key role to play in such emergencies as identified in the Regional Emergency Measures Plan shall:
    - i. advise the Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator of their whereabouts; and
    - ii. fulfill such duties as may be prescribed

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

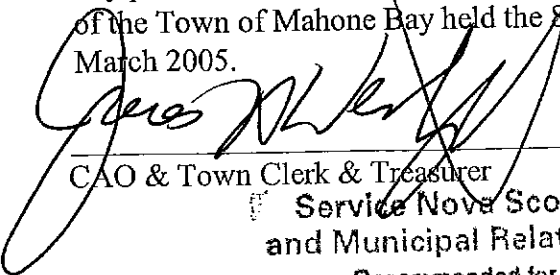
- 17. Minutes of all meetings of the Regional Uniform Command Group and the Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee shall be taken and a copy forwarded to each Municipality within fourteen days of the meeting.

**REPEAL**

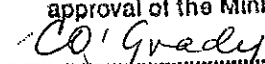
- 18. The Emergency Measures Bylaw of the Town of Mahone Bay approved by the Minister of Emergency Measures (NS) on February 15, 1994, and the Minister of Municipal Affairs on February 25, 1994 is hereby repealed. The Emergency Measures Organization By-law approved by the Minister of Emergency Measures (NS) and the Minister of Municipal Affairs on December 7, 1983 is hereby repealed. These repeals comes into effect upon all participating parties signing the Inter-Municipal Emergency Services Agreement.

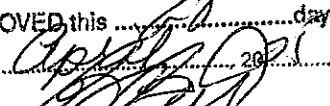
<b>EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION</b>	
Recommended for approval of the Minister	
	Executive Director
Approved this <u>14th</u> day	
<u>April</u> , <u>2005</u>	
	
	Minister of EMO (NS)

This is to certify that the foregoing By-law was duly passed at a duly called meeting of Council of the Town of Mahone Bay held the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2005.



CAO & Town Clerk & Treasurer  
Service Nova Scotia  
and Municipal Relations

Recommended for approval of the Minister  
  
Department Solicitor

APPROVED this 14th day  
of April, 2005  
  
Minister of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations