

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BYLAW #2009-03

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

The Council of the Municipality of the Town of Digby, 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, s. 5.1, 2005, c.48, s1 , enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the "*Regional Emergency Management Bylaw*."

INTERPRETATION

2. In this Bylaw,
 - a. "Act" means the *Emergency Management Act*, R.S.N.S. 1990, c.8, s. 5.1, 2005, c.48, s1;
 - b. "Agreement" means the inter-municipal emergency services agreement among the Town of Digby and the Municipality of the District of Digby pursuant to Section10 (2) of the *Act*, dated July 31,1990, and as amended from time to time.
 - c. "Council" means the Council of the Municipality of the Town of Digby;
 - d. "Councils" means the councils of the Municipality of the District of Digby and the Town of Digby;
 - e. "Councillor" means a member of the Council;
 - f. "Director" means a Director of the Nova Scotia Emergency Management Office;
 - 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 to whom is assigned the administration of the *Act* and Regulations;
 - i. "Emergency Management Plans" means plans, programs or procedures prepared by the Regional Emergency Management 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 Emergency Management Advisory Committee" means the committee established by the Agreement to plan for and be responsible for the executive direction and management of emergency activities;
 - k. "Regional Emergency Management Coordinator" (REMC) means the person appointed to serve as the staff person in accordance with the Agreement;
 - l. "Regional Emergency Management Organization" (REMO) means the Organization established as per the Agreement;
 - m. "Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee" (REMPC) means the Committee responsible to recommend policy to the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee;

- 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 the council cannot be assembled in a timely manner, or renewed by the municipality pursuant to the *Act* and Regulations made pursuant thereto and this Bylaw.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

- 3. The Council hereby agrees to the establishment of a Regional Emergency Management Organization in accordance with the Agreement.
- 4. 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; and
 - c. a Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 5. Council shall appoint representatives to the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee in accordance with the Agreement from its members for such term as the Agreement provides.
- 6. Council's representation on the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee shall at all times be no fewer than two members of the Council or as required by the Agreement.
- 7. The Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee shall:
 - a. be responsible for directing and overseeing the development of the regional emergency management plans;
 - b. brief the councils on the development of these plans;
 - c. recommend the declaration of a State of Local Emergency to the council of any participating municipality, as required, or in the event such council cannot be assembled in a timely manner the senior elected official of any affected municipality, who 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. recommend the renewal of a State of Local Emergency;
 - f. brief any affected council on developments during a State of Local Emergency;
 - g. recommend the termination of a State of Local Emergency.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

8. The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with the Agreement.
9. The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator shall be paid for work incurred under this bylaw in accordance with the Agreement.
10. The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator shall:
 - a. chair the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee;
 - b. coordinate and prepare regional emergency management 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 Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee or as provided for in the Agreement.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE (REMPC)

11. Each municipality shall appoint representatives to the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee as outlined in the Agreement.
12. The provision of appropriate representatives and their alternates to the REMPC will be coordinated by the REMC. The Regional Emergency Management 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/health centre services;
 - x. utilities;
 - xi. financial services; and
 - xii. legal services.
13. The Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee shall:
 - a. assist the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator in the preparation and coordination of regional emergency management plans;
 - b. advise the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee, as required, on the development of regional emergency management plans;

- c. upon request, assist the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee in the briefing of Councils on the development of regional emergency management plans;
- d. perform such other duties as may be required by the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee or the Agreement.

AGREEMENTS

- 14. The Council hereby agrees that the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee 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 that 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 Emergency Management Advisory Committee, the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator and the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee; and
 - b. to fulfill 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 7.c, and for the duration of the State of Local Emergency:
 - a. every Councillor shall keep the Mayor/Warden apprised 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 management plans shall:
 - i. advise the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator of their whereabouts; and
 - ii. fulfill such duties as may be prescribed by the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator.

REPEAL

- 17. The Town of Digby By-law # 21 Emergency Measures By-law of the Town of Digby passed on April 5, 1993 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on May 07, 1993, is hereby repealed.

Clerk's Annotation For Official By-law Book

Date of First Reading: **02 February 2009**

Date of Advertisement of Notice of Intent to Consider: **12 February 2009**

Date of Second Reading: **02 March 2009**

*Date of Advertisement of Passage of By-law: **12 March 2009**

Date of mailing to Minister a Certified copy of By-law: **12 March 2009**

I certify that this **Repeal of the Town of Digby Instalment By-law** was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.

Clerk: _____
E. Thomas Ossinger

Date: **11 January 2007**

* Effective date of the by-law unless otherwise specified in the text of the Bylaw.