

MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF LUNENBURG
Minutes of a Meeting of
REMO ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Held in Council Chambers, 210 Aberdeen Road, Bridgewater, NS
Monday, March 18, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Municipality of Chester

Warden Allen Webber
Deputy Warden Floyd Shatford, Vice-Chair
Dan MacDougall, Chief Administrative Officer

Municipality of Lunenburg

Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore
Councillor Martin Bell
Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Bridgewater

Tammy Crowder, Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Lunenburg

Deputy Mayor John McGee
Bea Renton, Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Mahone Bay

Councillor John Bain
Councillor Richard Nowe
Dylan Heide, Chief Administrative Officer

Regrets: Mayor David Mitchell, Town of Bridgewater
Deputy Mayor Andrew Tanner, Town of Bridgewater
Councillor Wayne Thorburne, Town of Bridgewater
Mayor Rachel Bailey, Town of Lunenburg
Mayor David Devenne, Chair, Town of Mahone Bay
Councillor Danielle Barkhouse, Municipality of Chester
Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Municipality of Lunenburg
Kevin Malloy, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of Lunenburg
Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator, Municipality of Lunenburg

Staff: Heather MacKenzie-Carey, REMO Coordinator
Rhonda Matthews, Planning Officer, EMO-NS
Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Warden Shatford called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, RECOGNITION

Deputy Warden Shatford welcomed Dan McDougall, CAO, Municipality of the District of Chester, to his first REMO meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Added Items

Moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Nowe that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Warden Webber, seconded by Councillor Nowe that the Minutes of the January 21, 2019 REMO Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

5.1 Parade Strategy – Letter from Minister Hines, NSTIR

Ms. MacKenzie-Carey was given direction at the last REMO Advisory Committee meeting to speak with the Bridgewater Police Service regarding street parade strategy following the Christmas Parade tragedy in Yarmouth. The Police Department provided Ms. MacKenzie-Carey with a letter from Minister Hines, Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) (included in the agenda package). Attached to the original letter were guidelines created by TIR for any event that requires blocking off portions of roads and a permit application.

Ms. MacKenzie-Carey noted that parades could be covered under mass gatherings as there is a lot of information available on how to make the events safe. Some mass gathering planning has already taken place for events such as the South Shore Exhibition, Christmas on the LaHave, Chester Race Week, the tall ship event in Lunenburg, and the Scarecrow Festival in Mahone Bay. If parades are tied to a by-law/permit, then someone has to administer it and would be considered sanctioned as being safe.

Ms. MacKenzie-Carey recommended that events be considered as mass gatherings and that if, at any time, a group wanted some pre-planning just prior to the event, first responders could be brought in for a meeting.

5.2 2019/20 REMO Budget – Motions Required from all 5 Councils

Municipal Councils were reminded to submit their motions approving their portion of the 2019/20 REMO budget.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Inland Flooding

Ms. MacKenzie-Carey reviewed the Inland Flooding Contingency Plan (included in the agenda). She explained that inland flooding is the number one risk for this area.

Ms. MacKenzie-Carey went over the risk scenario levels and the triggers for Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) activation.

Ms. MacKenzie-Carey noted that because a lot of Fire Departments, especially in the Chester area, have switched to the Valley dispatch, she no longer receives information on their calls and, therefore, is unable to be prepared. Warden Webber will speak to Bruce Blackwood, Fire Services Coordinator, Municipality of the District of Chester, to see if this can be changed.

7. REMO COORDINATOR MONTHLY REPORTS

7.1 January & February 2019

The REMO Coordinator reports for January and February 2019 were circulated with the agenda and reviewed.

Additional highlights included:

- Flooded basements in January and February
- There were some impactful incidents without having to activate including the ferry incident in LaHave, where passengers were stranded on the ferry for several hours due to a breakdown
- Continuing to plan for an exercise with Department of Health

Moved by Warden Webber, seconded by Councillor Bain that the REMO Advisory Committee accept the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator's monthly reports for the months of January and February 2019. Carried unanimously.

8. **ADDED ITEMS** – NIL

9. **IN CAMERA** - NIL

10. **NEXT MEETING** – May 21, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business at 2:04 p.m., it was moved by Deputy Mayor Moore, seconded by Councillor Bell that the meeting adjourn. Carried.