

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg
Minutes of a Meeting of the REMO Advisory Committee
Via Tele/Video Conference
Monday, March 21, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Municipality of the District of Chester

Warden Allen Webber (via Teams)

Deputy Warden Floyd Shatford (via Teams)

Tara Maguire, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (via Teams)

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson

Deputy Mayor Cathy Moore

Alex Dumaresq, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (via Teams)

Town of Bridgewater

Councillor Wayne Thorburne, Vice-Chair

Tammy Crowder, Chief Administrative Officer

Town of Lunenburg

Mayor Matt Risser (via Teams)

Deputy Mayor Peter Mosher (via Teams)

Kevin Malloy, Interim Chief Administrative Officer (via Teams)

Heather McCallum, Assistant Municipal Clerk, Town of Lunenburg (via Teams)

Town of Mahone Bay

Mayor David DeVenne, Chair (via Teams)

Councillor Penny Carver (via Teams)

Councillor Richard Nowe

Dylan Heide, Chief Administrative Officer (via Teams)

Regrets

Tom MacEwan, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Councillor Michelle Greek, Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Chris Kennedy, Fire Services Coordinator

Dan McDougall, Chief Administrative Officer, Municipality of the District of Chester

Mayor David Mitchell, Town of Bridgewater

Deputy Mayor Andrew Tanner, Town of Bridgewater

Councillor Susan Sanford, Town of Lunenburg

NS EMO

Andrew Mitton Emergency Management Preparedness Officer

Staff

Angela Henhoeffler, REMO Coordinator

Joanne Powers, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David DeVenne called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

A request was made to have an item added to the Agenda under Added Items - Lunenburg County Ground Search & Rescue contingency fund.

Moved by Mayor Bolivar-Getson, seconded by Councillor Thorburne that the Agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2022

Moved by Councillor Carver, seconded by Deputy Mayor Moore that the Minutes of January 17, 2022, REMO Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

5.1 Emergency Management Bylaws

Ms. Henhoeffler reported that the five municipal units were at various stages of completion. Some have been forwarded to the province for approval, but until all five have been submitted, they are not in effect.

5.2 REMO Planning Committee

Ms. Henhoeffler reported that the first meeting of the Planning Committee took place on February 28, 2022. Two more meetings will take place in 2022 – June 20 and October 17, 2022.

5.3 2022/23 REMO Budget Approvals from Municipal Units

Ms. Henhoeffler advised that all five municipal units have approved the 2022/23 REMO budget.

7. NS EMO UPDATES

Andrew Mitton provided the following update:

- Extended congratulations to Ms. Henhoeffler and the Planning Committee on a very successful first meeting with almost 100% attendance
- As part of the ongoing Covid-19 situation, PPE is still being provided to fire agencies along with rapid test kits and some municipal units
- The State of Emergency has ended – it was the longest ever in the history of NS
- Normal meetings and training can once again continue including a Basic Emergency Management (BEM) for Lunenburg County REMO as well as an ICS 200 course next month
- Will be working with Ms. Henhoeffler on a Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment

4. Presentations

4.1 Presentation from NS Public Safety Field Communications on Trunked Mobile Radios

Scott Hawkes, Supervisor of Field Operations and Client Relations, and Matt Boyle, Director, with Public Safety and Field Communication (PSFC), a branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Service Nova Scotia and Internal Services, were in attendance to provide a presentation of the Trunked Mobile Radio System (TMR).

Mr. Boyle and Mr. Hawkes (via Teams) provided an overview of the following topics:

- PSFC – Who Are We, What We Do
- TMR Overview
- Systems We Manage
 - Nova Scotia Integrated Mobile Radio System (NSIMRS)
 - NS SAT COM
- Users in Nova Scotia
 - All NS Provincial Departments
 - “H” Division of RCMP
 - HRM
 - CBRM
 - Municipal Units
 - NS Volunteer Fire Departments
 - EHS
 - Numerous Federal Departments
 - Other: - Airports, Transport Links, Michelin, etc.
- Radio Interoperability Tools
- Highlights of Some Calls
- Mobile Communications support Duty Officers & Units

Mr. Hawkes and Mr. Boyle left the meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 2021/2022 REMO Overview

Ms. Henhoeffler presented the 2021/2022 REMO Overview, including:

- REMO Workplan Status
- Synopsis of 2021/22
- EMC Professional Contributions

8. REMO COORDINATOR UPDATES

Ms. Henhoeffler reported the following:

- Comfort Centre signs are ordered
- REMO Planning meeting was held

- May 1 – 7th Emergency Preparedness Week
 - May 7th – Trade Fair / Touch-a-Truck Event – including a BBQ, mascots, prizes, etc.
 - Received a \$500 Fire Smart grant
 - Received a free Eastlink Community TV episode to promote emergency preparedness and the event
- Training & exercises dates solidified with NSEMO
- Social media campaigns for the public

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Lunenburg County Ground Search & Rescue

It was reported that the Lunenburg County Ground Search & Rescue indicated they do not require any additional money at this time. It was agreed that the \$3,000 will remain in the contingency fund.

10. NEXT MEETING – Monday, May 16, 2022 - 1:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 2:39 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Thorburne seconded Councillor Nowe that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.