

The Council of the Town of Wolfville pursuant to section 10(1)(a) Emergency Management Act, S.N.S. 1990, c.8, enacts as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This By-law may be cited as the Emergency Management By-Law 103

INTERPRETATION

2. In this By-law,
 - (a) **Act** means the Emergency Management Act, S.N.S. 1990, c.8;
 - (b) **Agreement** means an Agreement entered into pursuant to section 10(2)(c) of the Act, and section 60 of the *Municipal Government Act* among the Municipality of the County of Kings and the Towns of Kentville, Wolfville and Berwick;
 - (c) **CAO** means Chief Administrative Officer of the Town of Wolfville in accordance with the MGA;
 - (d) **Council** means the Council of the Town of Wolfville;
 - (e) **Councillor** means a member of the Town of Wolfville Council;
 - (f) **Emergency** means a present or imminent event in respect of which the Minister or a municipality, as the case may be, believes prompt co-ordination of action or regulation of persons or property must be undertaken to protect property or the health, safety or welfare of people in the Province;
 - (g) **Mayor** means the Mayor of the Town of Wolfville;
 - (h) **MGA** means the *Municipal Government Act*, S.N.S., 1998 c.18, as amended;
 - (i) **Town of Wolfville** means the Town of Wolfville;
 - (j) **Emergency Management Advisory Committee** means the Advisory Committee established pursuant to s. 10(1)(d) of the Act;
 - (k) **Emergency Management Coordinator** means the person appointed by Council to coordinate plans and responses related to an Emergency;
 - (l) **Emergency Management Organization** means the organization required pursuant to s. 10(1)(b) of the Act;

- (m) **Emergency Management Planning Committee** means a committee comprising public sector staff and not-for-profit personnel with a mandate to assist the Emergency Management Coordinator and the Emergency Management Advisory Committee;
- (n) **Emergency Management Plans** means plans, programs or procedures prepared by the Emergency Management Organization that are intended to mitigate the effects of an emergency or a 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, as set out in clause 2(d) of the Act; and
- (o) **State of Local Emergency** means a state of local emergency declared by the Town of Wolfville pursuant to the Act and enabled regulations, and this By-law.

DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

- 3. In accordance with the Act, Council may declare a State of Local Emergency when satisfied that an Emergency exists or may exist in all or any area of the Town of Wolfville.
- 4. If Council is unable to act promptly per section 15 of the Act, the Mayor may declare a State of Local Emergency.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- 5. In accordance with s. 10 of the Act and with this By-law, the Town of Wolfville may enter into an Agreement with the [Municipality of the County of Kings and the Towns of Berwick, and Kentville] to form a Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO). With an Agreement in effect, a Regional Emergency Advisory Committee shall act in the stead of the Town of Wolfville's Emergency Advisory Committee. Similarly, a Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee and a Regional Emergency Management Coordinator will act in place of a Municipal Committee and Coordinator.
- 6. An Emergency may be declared a State of Local Emergency by the Council or by the Mayor in accordance with the Act regardless of whether the State of Local Emergency is exclusive to the Town of Wolfville.
- 7. The Chief Administrative Officer shall appoint a [municipal] staff member to serve as a [municipal] liaison to the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee.
- 8. Once the State of Local Emergency is declared, and when the declared State of Local Emergency involves two or more of the parties to an Agreement, the Mayor shall authorize REMO to act in their stead during the declared State of Local Emergency per subsection 15(1)(b) of the Act,.
- 9. When there is an Agreement in effect, and when the declared State of Local Emergency is exclusive to the Town of Wolfville, the Mayor shall authorize REMO to act in their stead during the declared State of Local Emergency per subsection 15(1)(b) of the Act.

10. Cost-recovery policy under REMO shall be detailed in the Agreement.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT

11. The Council hereby authorizes the establishment of a REMO pursuant to an Agreement per section 10 of the Act.

12. Without limitation, an Agreement shall contain provisions respecting:

- (a) the composition and role of a Regional Emergency Advisory Committee;
- (b) the terms of engagement and responsibilities of a Regional Emergency Management Coordinator; and
- (c) the composition and role of a Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee.

DUTIES DURING AN EMERGENCY

13. Following the activation of any Emergency Plan or a declaration of a State of Local Emergency:

- (a) Every Councillor shall advise the Mayor as to their location and how they may be contacted;
- (a) Every employee and agent of the Town of Wolfville who has a role in such emergencies as assigned in the Emergency Management Plans, shall:
 - i. Advise the Emergency Management Coordinator or the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator, as the case may be, of their location and how they may be contacted; and
 - ii. Fulfill such duties as may be prescribed by the Emergency Management Coordinator or the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator, as the case may be.

REPEAL

14. Town of Wolfville By-laws 57 (Emergency Measures) and 86 (Regional Emergency Management) are repealed and replaced by this By-law.

Clerk's Annotation for Official By-law Book

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Effective Date of By-law: April 26, 2022

I certify that this **Emergency Management By-law 103--** was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.


Town Clerk

April 26, 2022
Date