

**TOWN OF STEWIACKE
REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES BY-LAW**

BY-LAW # 2000 - 07

**A By-law to Provide for a Prompt, and Coordinated Response to a State of Local
Emergency.**

The Council of the Town of Stewiacke, 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 By-law may be cited as the “Regional Emergency Measures By-law.”

INTERPRETATION

2. In this By-law,
 - 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 Truro, the Town of Stewiacke and the Municipality of the County of Colchester pursuant to Section 10 (2) of the Act, dated July 31,1990, and as amended from time to time.
 - c. “Council” means the Council of the Town of Stewiacke;
 - d. “Councils” means the councils of the Municipality of the County of Colchester, The Town of Stewiacke and the Town of Truro;
 - 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 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 Measures Plans” 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 Emergency Measures Advisory Committee” means the committee established by the Agreement to plan for and be responsible for the direction and management of emergency activities;
- k. “Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator” means the person appointed to serve as the staff person in accordance with the Agreement;
- l. “Regional Emergency Measures Organization” means the Organization established as per the Agreement;
- m. “Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee” means the Committee responsible to recommend policy to the Regional Emergency Measures 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 Regional Emergency Measures Advisory Committee (REMAC) pursuant to the Act or renewed by the REMAC pursuant to the Act and Regulations made pursuant thereto and this By-law.

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 Emergency Measures Advisory Committee;
 - b. a Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator; and
 - c. a Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

5. Council shall appoint representatives to the Regional Emergency Measures 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 Measures 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 Measures Advisory Committee shall:
 - a. be responsible for the development of regional emergency measures plans;
 - b. brief Council on the development of these plans;
 - c. be authorized to declare a State of Local Emergency by completing Form 4 of the State of Emergency Regulations;
 - d. be responsible for the direction and management of emergency activities during a State of Local Emergency;
 - e. with the approval of the Minister, renew a State of Local Emergency by completing form 6 of the State of Emergency Regulations;
 - f. brief Council on developments during a State of Local Emergency;
 - g. terminate a State of Local Emergency by completing Form 7 of the State of Emergency Regulations;
 - h. immediately deliver a copy of any signed declaration to the Minister and the Director.

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 By-law in accordance with the Agreement.

10. The Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator shall:
 - a. chair the Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee;
 - b. coordinate and prepare regional emergency measures 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; and
 - d. perform such duties as may be required by the Regional Emergency Measures Advisory Committee or as provided for in the Agreement.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEASURES PLANNING COMMITTEE

11. Each party shall appoint representatives to the Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee as the Agreement provides.
12. The Regional Emergency Measures 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;
 - vu. transportation;
 - viii. communications;
 - ix. hospital;
 - x. utilities;
 - xi. financial services; and
 - xii. legal services.

13. The Regional Emergency Measures Planning Committee shall:
- a. assist the Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator in the preparation and co-ordination of regional emergency measures plans;
 - b. advise the Regional Emergency Measures Advisory Committee on the development of regional emergency measures plans;
 - c. upon request, assist the Regional Emergency Measures Advisory Committee in the briefing of Councils on the development of regional emergency measures plans;
 - d. perform such other duties as may be required by the Regional Emergency Measures Advisory Committee or the Agreement.

AGREEMENTS

14. The Council hereby agrees that the Regional Emergency Measures 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.

DUTY OF COUNCIL

15. The Council may appropriate and expend monies:
- a. to pay reasonable expenses of members of the Regional Emergency Measures Advisory Committee, the Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator and the Regional Emergency Measures 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 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 plans shall:
 - i. advise the Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator of their whereabouts; and
 - ii. fulfil such duties as may be prescribed by the Regional Emergency Measures Coordinator.

REPEAL

17. The Civil Emergency Planning By-law of the Town of Stewiacke passed on May 14, 1981 and approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs on July 16, 1981 is hereby repealed.

Annotations for Official Bylaw Book

Date of first reading: _____
Date of advertisement of Notice of Intent to Consider: _____
Date of second reading: _____
Date of advertisement of Passage of By-law: _____
Date of mailing to Minister a certified copy of By-law: _____

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

CAO / Clerk

Date