

C6 Regional Emergency Management Bylaw

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

SHORT TITLE

1. This bylaw shall be known as the “*C6 Regional Emergency Management Bylaw*.”

DEFINITIONS

2. In this Bylaw words and phrases have the same meaning as in the *Emergency Management Act* or as provided below:
 - (a) “Act” means the *Emergency Management Act*, S.N.S 1990, c.8;
 - (b) “Agent” means a person(s), company or any other organization employed to act on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis;
 - (c) "Agreement" means an inter-municipal agreement entered into pursuant to section 10(1)(c) of the *Act*, and section 60 of the *Municipal Government Act* between the Municipality of the County of Annapolis and the Towns of Annapolis Royal and Middleton;
 - (d) “CAO” means Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis in accordance with the *MGA*;
 - (e) “Council” means the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis;
 - (f) “Councillor” means a member of the County of Annapolis Municipal Council;
 - (g) “Emergency” has the same meaning as in the *Emergency Management Act*;
 - (h) “Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee” means the Advisory Committee established pursuant to s. 10(1)(d) of the *Act*;
 - (i) “Regional Emergency Management Coordinator” means the employee or contractor of the Host Unit responsible to coordinate plans and responses related to an emergency;
 - (j) “Regional Emergency Management Organization” means the organization required pursuant to s. 10(1)(b) of the *Act*;
 - (k) “Regional Emergency Management Plans” has the same meaning as in the *Emergency Management Act*;
 - (l) “Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee” means a committee comprising public sector staff and not-for-profit personnel with a mandate to provide advice to the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator and the Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee;
 - (m) “MGA” means the *Municipal Government Act*, S.N.S., 1998 c.18, as amended;
 - (n) “Municipality” means the Municipality of the County of Annapolis;
 - (o) “State of Local Emergency” means a state of local emergency declared by the Municipality of the County of Annapolis pursuant to the *Act* and enabling regulations, and this Bylaw.
 - (p) “Warden” means the Warden of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis.

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 Municipality.
4. In accordance with the *Act*, if Council is unable to act promptly the Warden may declare a State of Local Emergency.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

5. In accordance with Section 10 of the *Act* and with this Bylaw, the Municipality of the County of Annapolis may enter into an Agreement with the Towns of Annapolis Royal and Middleton 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 Municipality'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 Warden in accordance with the *Act* regardless of whether the State of Local Emergency is exclusive to the Municipality.
7. The Chief Administrative Officer shall appoint a staff member to serve as a liaison to the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee.
8. Once the State of Local Emergency is declared, the Warden may authorize the Advisory Committee to act in their stead during the declared State of Local Emergency per subsection 15(1)(b) of the *Emergency Management Act* and section 60 of the *Municipal Government Act*.
9. Cost-recoveries shall be in accordance with an approved inter-municipal agreement.

REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT

10. The Council hereby authorizes the establishment of a REMO pursuant to an agreement per section 10 of the *Act*.
11. Without limitation, an inter-municipal 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

12. Following the activation of any emergency plan or a declaration of a State of Local Emergency:
 - (a) Every Councillor shall advise the Warden as to their location and how they may be contacted;
 - (b) Every employee and agent of the Municipality who has a role in such emergencies as assigned in the Regional 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 AND REPLACE

13. Previous and all other versions of this Bylaw are repealed and replaced by this new version.

Certification

I hereby certify that this bylaw was adopted at a regular meeting of the County of Annapolis Municipal Council on **March 15, 2022** and received Ministerial Approval on **November, 2022**.

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Carolyn Young

Carolyn Young, Municipal Clerk

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Certificate of Approval

“C6 Regional Emergency Management By-law”

Municipality of the County of Annapolis

This is to certify that, pursuant to clause 10(1)(a) of the *Emergency Management Act*, the *C6 Regional Emergency Management By-law*, adopted by the Council of the Municipality of the County of Annapolis at a meeting duly held on the 25th of March 2022, is hereby approved, and the said by-law has the force of law upon publication pursuant to subsection 169(1) of the *Municipal Government Act*.

DATED this 3rd day of November, 2022.

John Lohr

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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing