

1. This by-law is titled “REMO Emergency Management By-law 26-10”.

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Part 1 Purpose

The Nova Scotia *Emergency Management Act* requires municipalities to adopt a Municipal Emergency Management By-law with the aim of establishing a municipal emergency management organization and preparing and approving emergency management plans. This by-law will allow for the Municipality of the County of Cumberland to work with neighboring municipal units of the Town of Amherst and the Town of Oxford to develop coordinated plans on a regional level which will better serve residents.

Part 2 Definitions

- 2.1 **Act** means the *Emergency management Act*, S.N.S. 1990, c.8;
- 2.2 **Agreement** means the Agreement entered into in accordance with Clause 10(1)(a) of the Act, among the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, the Town of Amherst and the Town of Oxford dated April 1, 2026 attached as Appendix A.
- 2.3 **Alternate Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (Alternate REMC)** means the person charged to back up or replace the Regional Emergency Management Coordinator during all phases of emergency planning.
- 2.4 **Council** means the Council of a municipality, town or village.
- 2.5 **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 municipality/municipalities.
- 2.6 **Emergency Management** means the prevention and mitigation of preparedness for, response to and recovery from emergencies.
- 2.7 **Mayor** means a Mayor of one of the municipal units being a party to the Agreement.
- 2.8 **Municipalities** means the three municipal units being parties to the Agreement.
- 2.9 **Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee** means the Committee, sometimes referred to as the Executive Committee, established pursuant to the Agreement, and as required by Clause 10(1)(d) of the Act.
- 2.10 **Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (REMC)** means the person appointed by Council, and in accordance with the Agreement, as required by Clause 10(1)(c) of the Act.
- 2.11 **Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO)** means the organization established by the Agreement, and as required by Clause 10(1)(b) of the Act.
- 2.12 **Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee** the Committee established by the Agreement responsible for recommending policy and procedures to the Executive Committee for maintaining a reasonable state of preparedness for emergencies.

- 2.13 **Regional Emergency Management Plans** means plans, programs or procedures prepared by the Regional 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 property in the event of such an occurrence, as set out in Clause 2(d) of the Act.
- 2.14 **State of Local Emergency** means a state of local emergency declared by a Municipality pursuant to the Act and the Regulations made pursuant thereto, and this By-Law.

Part 3 Regional Emergency Management Organization

- 3.1 Council hereby establishes a Regional Emergency Management Organization (REMO), and shall create an intermunicipal agreement with its partners, specifying funding, governance, and other requirements of Councils.
- 3.2 The Regional Emergency Management Organization shall consist of the following persons and committees:
- 3.2.1 The Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee);
- 3.2.2 The Regional Emergency Management Coordinator (REMC);
- 3.2.3 The Regional Emergency Planning Committee (Planning Committee)
- 3.2.4 Alternate Emergency Management Coordinator (Alternate REMC).

Part 4 Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee

- 4.1 Councils shall appoint representatives to the Advisory Committee in accordance with the Agreement.
- 4.2 Council's representatives on the Advisory Committee shall always include the Mayor of the Municipal unit being represented and the number of representatives from each Municipal unit shall be in accordance with the numbers set forth in the Agreement.
- 4.3 The Advisory Committee shall, on behalf of REMO:
- 4.3.1 Approve REMO plans and policies;
- 4.3.2 Recommend the annual budgets to Council;
- 4.3.3 Provide direction to the REMC and the Planning Committee, as deemed appropriate by the Advisory Committee from time to time;
- 4.3.4 Brief Council on the development and approval of REMO plans and policies whenever required to do so by Council;
- 4.3.5 Brief Council on developments during a State of Local Emergency when deemed necessary.

Part 5 Regional Emergency Management Coordinator

- 5.1 The REMC and Alternate Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with the Agreement.
- 5.2 The REMC shall:
 - 5.2.1 Be responsible to appoint a Chair of the Planning Committee;
 - 5.2.2 Coordinate and prepare REMO plans, training, and exercises;
 - 5.2.3 Be responsible for on-going public education programs related to emergency preparedness;
 - 5.2.4 Following the activation of the REMO Plan or a declaration of state of local emergency, coordinate municipal operations with those of the provincial and federal governments during a declared emergency;
 - 5.2.5 Ensure all emergency operations centers and equipment are fully operational;
 - 5.2.6 Advise the Department of Emergency Management of any real or anticipated event or emergency as required by the Act.
 - 5.2.7 Perform such other duties as may be required by the Advisory Committee.

Part 6 Regional Emergency Planning Committee

- 6.1 The Planning Committee, as per the Agreement, shall be comprised of the REMC, the Alternate REMC and representatives as set forth below.
- 6.2 The Planning Committee may include, but not limited to, persons responsible during an emergency to provide:
 - 6.2.1 Local Law Enforcement;
 - 6.2.2 Ground Search and Rescue;
 - 6.2.3 Fire Services;
 - 6.2.4 Municipal Public Works representatives;
 - 6.2.5 Provincial OSD and Red Cross;
 - 6.2.6 Provincial Department of Health and Wellness;
 - 6.2.7 Regional Housing Authority;

- 6.2.8 Emergency Health Services;
- 6.2.9 Provincial Department of Natural Resources;
- 6.2.10 Provincial Department of Public Works;
- 6.2.11 Telecommunications;
- 6.2.12 Public Information Services;
- 6.2.13 Department of Emergency Management

6.3 The Planning Committee shall:

- 6.3.1 Assist the Coordinator in the preparation and coordination of REMO Plans, to maintain a reasonable state of preparedness for emergencies.
- 6.3.2 Formulate policy and procedure recommendations, planning, training, and exercises.

Part 7 Alternate Regional Emergency Management Coordinators

- 7.1 The Alternate Regional Emergency Management Coordinators appointed in accordance with the Agreement shall:
 - 7.1.1 Participate in Planning Committee meetings as required by the REMC;
 - 7.1.2 Participate in training, exercises, and responses to emergencies as required by the REMC.

Part 8 Agreements

- 8.1 Council hereby agrees that the Advisory Committee may enter into agreements with the Government of Canada, the Province of Nova Scotia, a Municipality, or any other person or organization, for the provision of services in the development and implementation of Regional Emergency Management Plans.

Part 9 Budget Considerations

- 9.1 The Municipalities shall share the normal operational costs of the REMO based on an annual budget divided proportionally based upon a blended formula including uniform assessment, population, and equal shares, in accordance with Clauses 31, 32 and 33 of the Agreement.

Part 10 Declaration of a State of Local Emergency

- 10.1 Council may, when satisfied that an emergency exists or may exist in all or any area of its own Municipality, declare a State of Local Emergency in respect of their own Municipality or an area thereof.
- 10.2 If any of the Councils are unable to act promptly under Section 12(2), the Mayor of the Municipality of the County of Cumberland, the Mayor of the Town of Amherst or the Mayor of the Town of Oxford may declare a State of Local Emergency, subject to Section 12(3) of the Act, in respect of their own Municipality or a portion thereof.

If both the Mayors and Councils of the Municipalities are unable to act promptly to declare a State of Local Emergency in their own jurisdiction under Section 15(2) of the Act, any one of the Mayors may, subject to the provisions of Sections 12(2) and 12(3) of the Act, declare a State of Local Emergency in regards to an emergency that exists or may exist in all or within any area of the Municipalities or portion thereof.

After signing a declaration or termination of a State of Local Emergency or the issuance of an order under Section 14 of the Act, Council shall immediately communicate or publish details on the municipal website or by the means most likely to inform the affected residents.

Part 11 Duties During an Emergency

- 11.1 Following the activation of any Regional Emergency Plan or a declaration of a state of local emergency:
- 11.1.1 The Mayor shall immediately forward a copy of the declaration and any renewals thereof to the Minister.
 - 11.1.2 Every Councilor shall advise the Coordinator and Mayor as to their location and how they may be contacted.
 - 11.1.3 Every employee and agent of the Municipality who has a role in such emergencies as assigned in the Regional Emergency Management Plans, shall:
 - 11.1.3.1 Advise the REMC of their location and how they may be contacted; and
 - 11.1.3.2 fulfill such duties described in the emergency operational plan.

Part 12 Repeal

- 12.1 This by-law repeals and replaces Regional Emergency Management By-Law 13-02.

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I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the REMO Emergency Management By-law 26-10
approved by the Council of the Municipality of Cumberland on September 23, 2026.

Municipal Clerk:



Date: October 9, 2026

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