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**BY-LAW # 17**  
**REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BY-LAW**

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The Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington 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

**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(1)(c) of the Act, and section 60 of the *Municipal Government Act* among the Municipalities of Barrington, Municipality of Shelburne and the Towns of Lockeport, Shelburne and Clarks Harbour;
  - (c) **CAO** means Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipality of Barrington in accordance with the MGA;
  - (d) **Council** means the Council of the Municipality of Barrington;
  - (e) **Councillor** means a member of the Municipality of Barrington 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) **Warden** means the Warden of the Municipality of Barrington;
  - (h) **MGA** means the *Municipal Government Act*, S.N.S., 1998 c.18, as amended;

- (i) **Municipality of Barrington** means the Municipality of the District of Barrington;
- (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 Municipality of Barrington 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 Municipality of Barrington.
- 4. If Council is unable to act promptly per section 15 of the Act, the Warden may declare a State of Local Emergency.

#### **LOCAL AND REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- 6. In accordance with s. 10 of the Act and with this By-law, the Municipality of Barrington may enter into an Agreement with the Municipality of Shelburne, Towns of Lockeport, Shelburne and Clarks Harbour 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 of Barrington'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.
- 7. 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 of Barrington.
- 8. The Chief Administrative Officer shall appoint a municipal staff member to serve as a municipal liaison to the Regional Emergency Management Planning Committee.

9. 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 Warden shall authorize REMO to act in his or her stead during the declared State of Local Emergency per subsection 15(1)(b) of the Act,.
10. When there is an Agreement in effect, and when the declared State of Local Emergency is exclusive to the Municipality of Barrington, the Warden shall authorize REMO to act in his or her stead during the declared State of Local Emergency per subsection 15(1)(b) of the Act.
11. Cost-recovery policy under REMO shall be detailed in the Agreement.

#### **REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT**

12. The Council hereby authorizes the establishment of a REMO pursuant to an Agreement per section 10 of the Act.
13. 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**

14. 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;
  - (a) Every employee and agent of the Municipality of the County of Kings 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**

20. Municipality of the District of Barrington Bylaw 17 Emergency Measures is repealed and replaced by this Bylaw.

**Clerk's Annotation for Official By-law Book**

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Effective Date of By-law: September 16, 2025

I certify that this **Regional Emergency Management By-law #17--** was adopted by Council and published as indicated above.

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Municipal Clerk

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Date