

By-law 109
REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BY-LAW

The Council of the Town of Lockeport 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* on February 18, 2025 among the Municipality of the District of Barrington, Municipality of the District of Shelburne and the Towns of Lockeport, Shelburne and Clarks Harbour to form a REMO;
 - (c) **REMO** means regional Emergency Management Organization formed subsequent to the signing of the agreement;
 - (d) **PMU** means participating municipal units to the agreement;
 - (e) **MA** means municipal administrators which includes Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks or successor legislation as may be enacted from time to time
 - (f) **Clerk** means clerk of the Town of Lockeport in accordance with the MGA;
 - (g) **Council** means the Council of the Town of Lockeport;
 - (h) **Councillor** means a member of the Town of Lockeport Council;
 - (i) **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;
 - (j) **Mayor** means the Mayor of the Town of Lockeport;
 - (k) **MGA** means the *Municipal Government Act*, S.N.S., 1998 c.18, as amended;
 - (l) **Town of Lockeport** means the Town of Lockeport;
 - (m) **Emergency Management Advisory Committee** means the Advisory Committee established pursuant to s. 10(1)(d) of the Act;

- (n) **Emergency Management Coordinator** means the person appointed by Council to coordinate plans and responses related to an Emergency;
- (o) **Emergency Management Organization** means the organization required pursuant to s. 10(1)(b) of the Act;
- (p) **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;
- (q) **Emergency Management Plans** means plans, programs or procedures prepared by the REMO 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
- (r) **State of Local Emergency** means a state of local emergency declared by the Town of Lockeport 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 Lockeport.
- 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

- 6. In accordance with s. 10 of the Act and with this By-law, the Town of Lockeport may enter into an Agreement with the [Municipality of Barrington, Municipality of Shelburne Towns of Clarks Harbour and Shelburne] 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 Lockeport'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 Mayor in accordance with the Act regardless of whether the State of Local Emergency is exclusive to the Town of Lockeport.
- 8. The Clerk 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 of more of the parties to an Agreement, the Mayor 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,. REMO will work in coordination with the PMU's and their respective MA's involved in the

emergency such that each PMU retains the authority to make decisions for its respective PMU during an emergency, irrespective of the identity or affiliation of the incident commander. This ensures local autonomy and governance are maintained, allowing each PMU to address specific needs and circumstances unique to their jurisdiction while still cooperating with the broader REMO emergency management framework. As an example, specific needs of PMU's and their respective MA's may include issues such as creating evacuation zones, road closures, resident and elected official communications and any other activities normally conducted in emergency coordination center.

10. When there is an Agreement in effect, and when the declared State of Local Emergency is exclusive to the Town of Lockeport, the Mayor 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. REMO will work in coordination with the PMU's and their respective MA's involved in the emergency such that each PMU retains the authority to make decisions for its respective PMU during an emergency, irrespective of the identity or affiliation of the incident commander. This ensures local autonomy and governance are maintained, allowing each PMU to address specific needs and circumstances unique to their jurisdiction while still cooperating with the broader REMO emergency management framework. As an example, specific needs of PMU's and their respective MA's may include issues such as creating evacuation zones, road closures, resident and elected official communications and any other activities normally conducted in emergency coordination center.
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) MA's and/or their designee's shall work in coordination with REMO to respond to the emergency and enact the emergency management plan
 - (b) . Every Councilor shall advise the Mayor as to their location and how they may be contacted;

- (c) Every employee and agent of the Town of Lockeport 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. Town of Lockeport 100 (Emergency Measures) are repealed and replaced by this Bylaw.

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Date – First Reading: July 11, 2025

Date – Notice, in paper, to Public: July 14, 2025

Date – Second Reading: August 8, 2025

Adopted by the Council of the Town of Lockeport

The 8th day of August, 2025

Town Clerk/Treasurer (Sign) 

Town Clerk/Treasurer (Print) June Harding Date: August 11, 2025

Date – mailed 1 certified copy of By-Law to DMA: August 12, 2025

Stamped filed with Minister responsible for Department of Municipal Affairs.

Date: _____

- Date – ad re: passage of By-Law: August 11, 2025
- Effective date of By-Law unless otherwise specified in the text of the By-Law

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of
a By-Law passed at a duly convened meeting of the
Council of the Town of Lockeport,
held the 8th day of August, 2025

Given under the hand of the Town Clerk/Treasurer and
under the seal of the Town of Lockeport this 11th day of
August, 2025.

Town Clerk/Treasurer


June Harding

