

Municipality of Argyle
Emergency Management Organization Planning Committee meeting minutes
Council Chambers-Tusket – September 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Gilles Bourque, Aaron Pothier, Joe d'Eon, Steven Jacquard, Marilyn MacDonald, Jason Saulnier, Jason Bourque, councillors Nicole Albright and Glen Digdon, Shelley Comeau, Devin d'Entremont, Jonathan LeBlanc, Dwayne LeBlanc, Gordon Amiro, Kim Rowley MOA employee, Peggy Boudreau EMO Argyle chair, Janine Muise coordinator, Carol LeBlanc recorder

Regrets: Rhonda Matthews EMO NS, Max Stulberger EMO Yarmouth

Peggy Boudreau welcomed everyone and called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by Carol LeBlanc

Agenda

Moved by Steven Jacquard, seconded by Joe d'Eon to accept the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

Minutes of June 5, 2019

The minutes were read by Carol LeBlanc. Moved by Steven Jacquard, seconded by Joe d'Eon to accept the minutes of June 5, 2019 as read. Motion Carried

Business arising:

- Coast Guard/Bay Ferries exercise. The field portion of this exercise has been moved to Northumberland Strait. The Tabletop exercise with the same scenario will be held in Yarmouth at the Mariner's Centre on November 14.

New Business:

A – Report training and equipment requests

- Alain Muise, CAO explained the task assigned to Kim Rowley – she will focus on fire departments. Fire departments deliver a particular service and the Municipality wants to protect them. To do this the Municipality will establish minimum standards of training and equipment – Step 1- Safety - the Municipality is looking to support the departments– Step 2 financial – Alain will contact the Fire Chiefs. If Fire departments wish to address issues privately contact the CAO.

B - Water Shortage – Municipality of Argyle

- GSR still has water bottles available which were not used during the water shortage issues last summer – any issues or problems arising with regards to water shortage please contact Janine. The Municipality's three-year plan will address water dispensing establishments.
- With hurricane Dorian approaching, Janine asked that Fire Departments to gear up the generators at their fire halls in the event that they were needed as comfort centres.

C – REMO Update

- Janine advised that the CAO's from the three units, MODA, MODY and TOY were working on the agreement. This agreement would then go to all three councils for their approval.

D – Exercise October 13, 2019

- Discussion followed on the exercise to take place on October 13. All 9 Municipal Volunteer Fire Departments were invited to participate. Fire Depts are asked to advise Janine if attending.

E - Satellite Phone Testing

- E-mail received from Paul Maynard, Public Safety and Field Communications with regards to regular testing of satellite phones. The Municipality has a satellite phone which is to be tested 4 times yearly.

F – Hazmat/Meter Training

- Information was received re training scheduled for November 5 & 6 – Medical Emergency Treatment for exposure to radiation training – Halifax – no cost.

G – Jon Boat

- Motor has been serviced – trailer has been inspected – Janine will do a log for when it is used – it is available for use.

H – Table-top exercise (the group participated in a short table-top exercise)

Explanation of the exercise: Your local fire department gets a call that there is a grass fire spreading towards some dry brush and trees nearby. You arrive on scene and the fire has spread into the trees and could head towards some nearby houses.

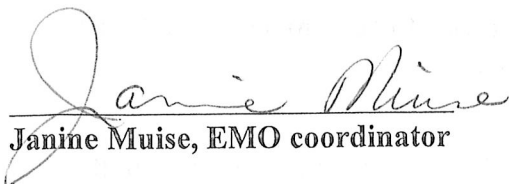
- o As the chief or first on scene, what would be your next steps?
- o What means of communication would you be using at this point?
- o This fire is spreading out of control and may affect a large neighbourhood, what would be your next steps?
- o What means of communication would you be using at this point?

I – Other

- Alex d'Entremont has provided all the fire department water holes with Civic #'s. A by-law on civic #'s is being worked on by the Municipality
- Wedgeport Fire Department has a new MFR – unit 7
- Quinan Fire Department has a new truck

Next meeting – November 6, 2019

Adjournment at 8:00 p.m. on motion by Devin – seconded by Jason Bourque.


Janine Muise, EMO coordinator

November 6, 2019
Date

Carol LeBlanc, Recorder