

HAMPTON EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION (HEMO) COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING: Monday, January 16, 2023, Online Teams Meeting

In Attendance:	Keith Copeland	Bruce Whitaker	Evelyn Bostwick	Robin Langford
	Laure Sheel	Evelyn Millen	Fred Cormier	Maura Collings
Town Staff:	Richard Malone	Councillor Karin Boye	Lori McNiven	Jessie Dean
	Colin Crealock	Mike Raeburn		
Guest:	Les Weber NBEMO Region 9 Coordinator			

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Keith Copeland called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Bruce Whitaker and seconded by Evelyn Bostwick that the minutes of the September 21st, 2022, Hampton EMO committee meeting be adopted as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW COMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS

Keith Copeland welcomed Newly Elected Councillor Karin Boye, Hampton staff IT Services Co-ordinator Colin Crealock, Hampton Staff Administrative Assistant Jessie Dean, Region 9 Coordinator Les Weber and HEMO committee member Laure Sheel.

EXECUTIVE UPDATES FROM RICHARD MALONE

Richard Malone provided updates on the local government reform, changes to boundaries and population size.

2023 Municipal Budget was approved.

Update on municipal plan and zoning bylaws, Hampton will be hosting 4 open houses in Feb/Mar, online survey will also be available.

Partners in Climate Protection Program, invitation to committee members to attend meeting On February 8th at 7:00PM about the programs in place to reduce greenhouse gases.

Mandated Services -Regional Public Safety Committee made up of Fire Chiefs, Police Chiefs in this area, first meeting in Feb.

Update on Multipurpose Facility, currently in architectural design.

SENTINEL PROJECT - EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

Jessie Dean gave update on Vulnerable Persons Registry. Megan O'Brien Harrison and Jessie Dean have collaborated to migrate VPR data from Sentinel to our own servers. Will require some additional testing and feedback, Robin Langford is willing to help with testing and feedback. Keith would like to make a reintroduction of the program to the community in the spring.

ST. ALPHONSUS GENERATOR

Keith Copeland gave an update on the new generator purchased for the St. Alphonsus Church. Fred Cormier was able to research different generators and recommended the 11,000-watt dual fuel/propane generator. Discussed Hurricane Fiona and importance of a good quality generator and attributes propane vs gas. St. Alphonsus Church is undergoing electrical updates. Mike Raeburn gave update that NB Power has come to install new power poles required, waiting on electricians. St. Alphonsus reached out to request funding a new generator access panel for the HEMO supplied emergency generator.

FLOOD MAPPING PROJECT

Evelyn Bostwick discussed collaborating with Arthur McCarthy and Mike Raeburn on flood mapping project. A new platform is required to store the sort of information we're looking to add. In addition to storing specific seasonal flood impacts we want to create a flood zone registry to communicate specifically with those residents. This has been useful during previous Freshets. Keith requested Colin to capture what would be the best platform to use to be able to communicate via email/text/phone if emergency arises.

2023 OBJECTIVES

Keith spoke about 2023 objectives. Hurricane Fiona was instructive in terms of identifying small town emergency issues.

He is working with Richard to deliver training to Council on the process of declaring a State of Local Emergency.

Staff will also be developing an internal emergency operations plan.

HEMO will undertake a town-wide survey of all facilities which are suitable for use in an emergency.

HEMO will continue to assist Community Volunteer Network members with emergency planning & preparation in 2023. Major project to be announced later this year.

HEMO will also review the municipal emergency response plan & contingency plans for regional & provincial compliance.

ROUND TABLE

Les Weber – New director Region 9 Kyle Levett. Spring freshet preparedness starts in Feb. Training opportunities in the region upcoming ICS, 200, 300, 400, no cost for EMO members.

Fred Cormier – In communication with Irving to see if we can hook up generator on site to be able to get fuel for emergency vehicles in emergency situations.

Councillor Karin Boye – Discussed networking process in our area and ability to connect to outskirt communities and what this will look like going forward. Keith discussed that we work through community partners communicating with EMO. Emphasis on having CVNs in all areas to be best prepared.

NEXT MEETINGS:

February Training: Monday, February 27th, 7 p.m. @ the EOC

March 20st Business Meeting, 7 p.m. @ the EOC

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fred Cormier to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.