

**Town of Digby and Municipality of Digby
Regional Emergency Management Advisory Committee Meeting
June 24, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor Ben Cleveland, Chair
Bruce Snell, REMO Coordinator
Leslie Brinton, Executive Assistant Town of Digby
Tom Ossinger, CAO Town of Digby
Jeff Sunderland, Municipality of Digby Deputy CAO
Bruce Baxter, By Law Enforcement Officer, Town of Digby
Councillor Danny Harvieux
Deputy Warden Linda Gregory

GUESTS: Kevin Ellis, Wharf Rat Rally
Andrew Mitten, Provincial EMO

REGRETS:

Call to Order

The Chair Mayor Cleveland called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Warden Gregory that the Agenda be approved as presented.

Motion Carried.

Additions/Deletions

None.

Presentations

None.

Guests

Andrew Mitten from the Provincial EMO and Kevin Ellis from Wharf Rat Rally are joining us today.

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Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of March 14, 2019 were presented and reviewed by the Committee.

Motion:

Moved by Councillor Harvieux and seconded by Deputy Warden Gregory that the Minutes of March 14, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried.

Old Business/Business Arising

Western Zone Training Meeting February 14, 2019 and from that meeting there will be some training courses coming up to take advantage of for the ECC staff.

New Business

Wharf Rat Rally

This year's Wharf Rat Rally event will be held August 28 to September 1 the Town Hall will again be the Operations Center for the event there will be an interagency meeting coming up in the next month.

Kevin Ellis provided an update to the Committee on the new events this year will be a street dance a small section of Water Street at the end of Montague Row will be closed for a brief time on Thursday night. Honda demo rides will be taking place from Sobeys again this year however the Harley Davidson demo rides will take place downtown from the parking lot of the old Courier building. A low-level fly by is being sought for the event as well. The Committee thanked Kevin for the update on the new events to come this year.

Table Top Exercise

A table top exercise was held at the Town of Digby ECC Center based on a Winter Storm-power outage there were emails distributed leading up to the event prior to the ECC activation all of the staff were able to use their roles with in the ECC and discussion throughout the exercise. Planning for 2021 will be a no notice exercise for the REMO ECC staff and agencies.

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Public Alerting

This is the public alert system and it will be happening twice a year once in May and once in the fall from a Provincial EMO perspective things went better this year with less calls.

Municipal Evaluations

The Province conducts Municipal Evaluations and they are done every two years. The evaluation is in the process of being redone and Andrew is hoping to have it completed and reviewed by the Deputy Minister and ready to go with in a month or so.

TMR Radio Tests

Bruce spoke about testing of the TMR radios who are in the care of those who have the key positions within the ECC that being Jeff, Tom, Bruce Baxter, Bruce Snell and this testing is done four times per year.

Forrest Fires

At the recent planning meeting Rick Andrews from Department of Natural Resources spoke about a four-hectare fire at Bear Dam Lake yesterday as well as a grass fire in Meteghan. There are now Forrest fire patrols conducted by Air they fly based on the weather index.

Coastline

Bruce reminded folks that there is a part of the Coastline publication that includes a section for the REMO. This publication is circulated every few months.

Around the room:

Warden MacAlpine asked with the wet spring and weather patterns we have been seeing around this end of the Province is there any issues with flooding. Andrew spoke about a recent landslide issue they were dealing with at Victoria Beach and it is rare to see an actual landside issue this involved a home. Municipal REMO was involved with other outside agencies as well for now all involved in the area are ok and safe.

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Next Meeting: September 24, 2019 13:00 hours at the Municipal of the District of Digby Office Seabrook.

Adjournment: the meeting concluded at 2:04 P.M.

COORDINATOR

DUTY OFFICER