

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE**

**BY-LAW #22**

**CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING**

A By-Law to establish and maintain an Emergency Measures Organization in and for the Municipality of Argyle and to authorize the Municipality of Argyle to participate, to the full extent of its capabilities, in the said Emergency Measures Organization.

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada had deemed it necessary to create a branch of government, in the form of an Emergency Measures Organization, to co-ordinate the duties and functions of those government departments and agencies which would have a responsibility in a civil disaster or war emergency;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Nova Scotia accordingly has deemed it desirable to co-operate with the Government of Canada in carrying out in respect of Nova Scotia its responsibility for the security, defense, peace, order, and welfare of Canada in the event of real or apprehended war, invasion or insurrection, and as a consequence has established a branch of government known as the Emergency Measures Branch, and its making provision for the continued functioning of Civil government and government services in Nova Scotia in the event of an emergency caused by a real or apprehended war, invasion, or insurrection, or by natural causes;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient to establish an Emergency Measures Organization as a branch of municipal government to serve the Municipality of Argyle.

**THEREFORE**, the Council of the Municipality of Argyle enacts as follows;

1. An emergency Measures Organization is hereby established to be known as “**ARGYLE EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION**”, hereinafter referred to as Argyle Emergency Measures Organization.

2. The purposes and objects of the Argyle Emergency Measures Organization with the co-operation of the Provincial Emergency Measures Organization, are as follows:
  - a) To plan for the continuity of the physical operation of government of the municipal unit and to establish plans for the co-operation and mutual assistance between municipal governments in the event of a civil disaster or war emergency;
  - b) To co-ordinate the emergency plans of the municipal unit for departments and services having immediate responsibilities in the event of a civil disaster or war emergency, and to prepare plans for public survival;
  - c) To work closely with other authorities of the municipal unit, neighboring municipal units and provincial authorities who have been assigned to comparable duties;
  - d) To conduct emergency measures familiarization courses for the training of personnel who have an emergency role;
  - e) To conduct a public self-help education program related to nuclear and other types of warfare and natural emergencies;
  - f) To carry out other similar work within the geographical area encompassed by the municipality;
3. The Argyle Emergency Measures Organization shall consist of two branches to be known as:
  - a) The Executive Committee;
  - b) The Planning Committee;
4. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Warden and two (2) members of the Council appointed by the Council by resolution at the annual meeting. The Council may fill any vacancies of the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
5. The Executive Committee shall have the following duties, powers, and responsibilities:

- a) To establish policy for the Argyle Emergency Measures Organization:
  - b) To recommend to Council, from time to time, by resolution of the committee, the appointment of an Emergency Measures Co-Coordinator for the Argyle Emergency Measures Organization and such other employees as may be required to assist the Emergency Measures Coordinator from wherever possible, within the municipal administration;
  - c) Subject to the approval of the Council, to name or assign such persons as it may deem advisable to provide key personnel to perform duties related to the continuity of municipal government and public survival in the case of an emergency or disaster;
  - d) To submit to the Council for inclusion in its annual estimates, estimates of expenditures for the operation and maintenance of the Argyle Emergency Measures Organization;
6. The Emergency Measures Coordinator shall be Chairman of the Planning Committee and be responsible for:
- a) The implementation of the policy as formulated by the Executive Committee;
  - b) The fulfillment of the “Purposes and Objects” as more particularly set out in Section 2 of this By-Law;
  - c) The performance of other related duties as directed by the Executive Committee;
7. The Planning Committee should consist of the following Officers of the Municipality of Argyle;
- a) Chairman- Emergency Measures Coordinator;  
Chiefs of all Fire Departments within the Municipality of Argyle;  
Medical Health Officer;  
Director of Social Services;

Public Works Superintendent;

Clerk - Treasurer;

- b) The Planning Committee may appoint one of its members or an employee of the Organization to act as secretary;
  - c) When a member of the Planning Committee is the employee of a statutory board or commission, the consent of such board or commission shall be requested to make the appointment effective;
8. The Planning Committee shall be responsible for:
- a) Coordinating or integrating plans for the continued functioning of municipal services which would be required in the event of emergency;
  - b) When policy decisions are required, submit the matter to the Executive Committee in the form of recommendations;

**Chief Administrative Officer's Annotation for Official By-Law Book**

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