

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF ARGYLE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

Attendance: Corey Burke, GSR, Joe d'Eon, East Pubnico FD, Gordon Amiro, West Pubnico FD, Warren Surette, Islands & District, Shelley Comeau, Dept. of Community Services, Marilyn MacDonald, GSR, Hans Pfeil, Public Works, Aaron Pottier, Quinan FD, Councillor Glenn Diggon, Councillor Nicole Albright, Lawrence Cameron, Sylveste Muise, Quinan Community Cmte, Jonathan LeBlanc, Eel Brook FD, Jason Bourque, Amirault's Hill/Hubbards Point FD, Paul Gould, Communications.

Regrets: Rhonda Matthews, EMO NS, Alain Muise, CAO

Peggy Boudreau opened the meeting at 7:05 pm, welcoming everyone.

Roll Call was taken by Janine Muise

Agenda: Moved by Joe d'Eon, seconded by Jason Bourque to accept the Agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Minutes of November 7, 2019: The minutes were read by Peggy. Moved by Aaron Pottier, seconded by Jonathan LeBlanc to accept the minutes as read. Motion Carried.

Business Arising:

- Councillor Glenn Diggon informed the group that the generator which had been purchased for the West Pubnico Fire Hall had been installed and functioning properly. The West Pubnico Fire Hall is on the list as a comfort centre and available for a shelter because of its size and capacity.

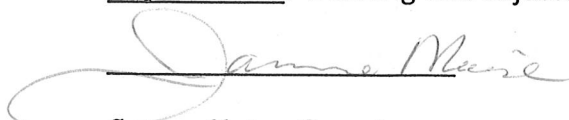
New Business:

- Report by Jason Saulnier on Dispatch – Jason was unavailable for this meeting therefore Janine gave a short update on the discontinuance of Yarmouth Dispatch. Janine also thanked Corey Burke who worked for Dispatch presenting him and the three other dispatchers with a letter and small token of the Municipality's appreciation.
- Update on the Western EMO Zone Meeting – Janine provided the group with a report on the Zone meeting (copy attached).

- Update on Water Shortage Plan - Janine has updated and completed the Municipality's Water Shortage Plan which will be presented to the committee at the next EMO meeting. Janine also informed the committee that there is a Water shortage Response Proposal being submitted on behalf of the Municipalities of Argyle, Barrington, Yarmouth and Region of Queens to the Hon Chuck Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the needs of these municipalities to address water shortage issues. There has been no response to this proposal yet.
- EMO Priorities for 2019 – Janine invited the committee to discuss setting priorities for the upcoming year. A new Hazard Analysis will be done at the next meeting with the goal of identifying these hazards and working on plans for mitigation. One issue which was brought up was the condition of roads in the County and how to address this situation. Road conditions were impeding the ability of fire depts and other first responders to respond to emergencies. It was suggested by Paul Gould to forward these concerns to FSANS (Fire Service Association of Nova Scotia) as a way of directed our concerns to the Province.
- Municipality of Argyle EMO Plan – Janine is updating resource information in the plan and will be asking agencies to update their contact information.
- Municipality of Argyle Fire Ponds – Because the County has new dispatching services (Digby Dispatch), it was a concern that the fire department water ponds be clearly identified. One suggestion was designating civic numbers to these water ponds. Public Works to look at this situation.
- Civic Numbering – This is an ongoing situation and there is now a push from the Municipality to increase the number of properties who have civic numbers. The Municipality is working on a new by-law to make this mandatory.
- Military Assistance - Hans Pfeil, Director of Public Works informed the committee that the 4th Engineer Support Regiment would be exercising in our community in April and would be doing volunteer work for a few non-profit organizations as part of their training to keep up their skills.
- Vial of Life - Peggy Boudreau, Senior Safety Officer informed the committee that the Vial of Life information had been updated and she was trying to get out to the public by meeting with local groups.

Next Meeting: April 3, 2019

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm with motion by Joe d'Eon.


 Janine Muise, Recorder

Date: April 10, 2019