EMERGENCY MEASURES BY-LAW

A By-law to establish and maintain en Emergency Measures Organization in and for the Town of Port Hawkesbury and to authorize the Town of Port Hawkesbury to participate, to the full extent of its capabilities, in the said Organization.

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada has deemed it necessary to create a branch of government in the form of Emergency Planning Canada, 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, defence, 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 Organization, and is making provision for the continued functioning of civil government and government services in Nova Scotia in the event of any emergency caused by a real or apprehended war, invasion or insurrection, or by natural causes;

AND WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1990, provides that municipalities shall establish a municipal emergency measures organization, and indicated the actions which may be taken by one or more municipalities to further civil emergency planning;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to establish an Emergency Measures Organization as a branch of municipal government to serve the Town of Port Hawkesbury;

THEREFORE the Council of the Town of Port Hawkesbury enacts as follows:

1. An Emergency Measures Organization is hereby established to be known as Port Hawkesbury Emergency Measures Organization hereinafter referred to as Port Hawkesbury Emergency Measures Organization.

2. The Purpose and Objects of the Port Hawkesbury 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 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;

   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, neighbouring municipal units and provincial authorities who have been assigns to comparable duties;

d. To conduct emergency measures familiarization courses from 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 Port Hawkesbury 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 Mayor and two members of the Council appointed by the Council by Resolution annually. 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 Port Hawkesbury Emergency Measures Organization;

b. To recommend to Council, from time to time, by resolution of the committee, the appointment of an Emergency Measures Co-ordinator for the Port Hawkesbury Emergency Measures Organization and such other employees as may be required to assist the Emergency Measures Organization Co0ordinator 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 continuity of municipal government and public survival in the case of an emergency or disaster;

d. To submit to Council for inclusion in its annual estimates, estimates of expenditures for the operation and maintenance of the Port Hawkesbury Emergency Measures Organization.

6. The Emergency Measures Co0ordinator 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 fulfilment 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. 1. The Planning Committee shall consist of the following officers of the Municipal unit:

a. Chairman - The Emergency Measures Co-ordinator

b. Fire Chief

c. Representative of Royal Canadian Mounted Police
(Town Detachment)

d. Medical Health Officer

e. Director of Social Services

f. Engineer (Transportation, Communications)

g. Chief Administrative Officer (Public Information)

2. The Planning Committee may appoint one of its member or an employee of the Organization to act as secretary.

3. When a member of the Planning Committee is the employee of a Statutory Board or Commission or the Province, the consent of such Board or Commission or the Province shall be requested to make the appointment effective.

8. a. The Planning Committee shall be responsible for co-ordinating or integrating plans for the continued functioning of municipal services which would be required in the event of emergency;

b. The Planning Committee shall, when policy decisions are required, submit the matter to the Executive Committee in the form of recommendations. *repealed

April 3rd, 1991.