



EMO Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: May 21st, 2025

Location: HRC Boardroom

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Harvey, New Brunswick, E6K 1A3

Present: Andrew MacLean, Deputy Mayor; Joseph Swan, Recreation Director; Jerrad Swan, HFD Chief; Jack Goode; Robert Jamieson.

Absent: Brett Mabie, Brad MacKay

1. **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Deputy Mayor MacLean

2. **Adoption of the Agenda:**

Moved by Jack Goode, seconded by Robert Jamieson to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

3. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

None to report.

4. **EMO Plan Approval:**

The HRC EMO Plan has been provided to Municipal staff to present to Council for approval at an upcoming meeting.

5. **Wildfire Prevention Day Update:**

The Committee was provided with an update on the Community Wildfire Prevention Session being held on July 7th at the Lake George Family Campground.

6. **NB Fire Watch:**

The New Brunswick Forest Fire Watch is underway for the 2025 season. The Committee expressed their support for fire prevention and burn ban updates to be added to the HRC website. Members also suggested the issuance of a Voyent Alert whenever the burn index reaches "High".

7. **Emergency Shelter Opening Criteria Update:**

The Committee analyzed opening criteria suggestions provided by NBEMO for the Lions Club Emergency Shelter. Concerns were raised over the inability for essential communication devices to hold charge for 72 hours. Suggestions were made for temporary charging stations to be available for residents in the first 72 hours. This topic will be revisited in the next meeting, after further developments have been made.

8. **New Voyent Alert! Registration Tactics:**

The Committee was pleased with the recent increase in Voyent Alert registrants. Further efforts will occur to increase registration over the summer.

9. **NB DOH Heat Wave Information for 2025:**

Recreation Director, Joseph Swan, reported on a recent Department of Health meeting regarding extreme heat. New Brunswick is expected to experience prolonged periods of above average temperatures this summer. EMO expressed support for the Municipality to educate residents on appropriate measures to remain safe and healthy during heat waves.

10. **Local Residential Facility Update:**

The current evacuation procedure has been approved by the NB Fire Marshall, despite having concerns raised. The matter is now out-of-the-hands of HRC EMO and HFD.



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11. Consideration of Appointment of RCMP/JPS Representative:

The Committee agreed that the appointment of an RCMP representative would be beneficial. Municipal staff will arrange for a potential candidate to attend the next meeting. The Committee will also consider the appointments of a Department of Transportation & Infrastructure, and provincial EMO representatives at their next meeting.

12. Summer Hiatus:

Having covered all imminent priorities, the EMO Committee will go on break before reconvening in September.

13. Scheduling of Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th, at 7:00PM in the HRC boardroom.

14. Motion for Adjournment:

A motion for adjournment was made by Jack Goode at 7:26PM. Seconded by Robert Jamieson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:
Recreation Director, Joseph Swan

Joseph Swan

May 23rd, 2025