



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Town Hall – Council Chambers
Monday, April 3, 2017
7:00 pm**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Presentation
 - 3.1. Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue - Hilton Seymour
 - 3.2. Fire Hall Options: Eagle Project Management Inc. - Peter Smith
4. Approval of the Minutes
5. Action Items
 - 5.1 FCM's Legal Defense Fund
 - 5.2 Twelve Month Notice Under the Municipal Government Act
6. Information/Discussion Items
 - 6.1. Accounting Activities Report – March 2017
7. Anything by Members
8. Adjournment



Presentation to Annapolis County Council, Town of Middleton, requesting additional funding to help Annapolis County Ground Search & Rescue (ACGSAR).

FEBRUARY 2017

Executive Committee

- ▶ **President** - Mac Sproule
- ▶ **Vice President** – Kevin Beard
- ▶ **Treasure** – Bruce Robinson
- ▶ **Administrative Assistant**- Liz Denison
- ▶ **Search Director** – James Norton
 - ▶ **Training** – Kent Molyneaux
 - ▶ **Past President** – Barry Oliver
 - ▶ **Membership** – Deb Hebb
 - ▶ **Logistics** – Hilton Seymour
- ▶ **Hug – A – Tree program** – Chris Bishop

Mission of the Committee

- ▶ To secure additional funding to allow Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue to continue to provide our services to the fine residents of Annapolis County and the Towns of Middleton and Annapolis Royal.

Annapolis Co. Ground Search and Rescue

- ▶ In 2016 we marked the 40th anniversary of Annapolis County Ground Search & Rescue (ACGSAR).
- ▶ Annapolis County Ground Search & Rescue has attended countless searches for lost persons over the past 40 years within Annapolis County.
- ▶ Annapolis County Ground Search & Rescue also assist the RCMP and municipal police forces on evidence searches, urban and rural searches.
- ▶ Annapolis County Ground Search & Rescue operates Project Lifesaver in the Annapolis County area, which provides equipment for tracking individuals who are prone to wander, such as people with Autism or Alzheimer's.
- ▶ Annapolis County Ground Search & Rescue also visit schools and administer the “Hug-a-Tree” program and the Adventure Smart program, which teaches children what to do if they get lost.

Annapolis Co. Ground Search and Rescue

- ▶ Annapolis County Ground Search & Rescue members volunteer their time for all activities as well as searches, training, public outreach and fundraising.
- ▶ Annapolis County Ground Search & Rescue members are responsible for supplying their own personal search and rescue equipment.
- ▶ Annapolis County Ground Search & Rescue fundraises to purchase equipment such as search vehicles and specialized search equipment.

Project Lifesaver

- ▶ Project Lifesaver is dedicated to assisting and responding to the challenges to caregivers of finding wandering or bolting loved ones who may suffer from Alzheimer's Disease, Autism or any other special needs.

Clients registered with Project Lifesaver wear a personalized bracelet. It is a one-ounce battery operated radio wrist transmitter that emits a unique automatic tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day.

Project Lifesaver equips and trains search & rescue agencies in an active response system to help with the increasing problem of locating wandering patients before they fall victim to the elements, accidents or predators.

Project Lifesaver



Annapolis Co. Ground Search and Rescue Team

- ▶ We have a current membership of 57 people ranging in age from 17 to 70.
- ▶ All of our Search Vehicles are scattered around Annapolis County at the homes of our volunteers as we have no permanent place to house our equipment.
- ▶ As our vehicle fleet is scattered around the county response times are greatly reduced for any searches.
- ▶ Search Vehicles exposed to the weather elements year round are adding to the cost of upkeep .
- ▶ We rely heavily on community partners such as the Legion in Bridgetown and the NSCC campus in Lawrencetown for meeting and training space.
- ▶ Cost of upkeep to vehicles is increasing thus taking away money for team training.

Annapolis Co. Ground Search and Rescue Team

- ▶ Each member of the team is responsible to supply their own search equipment and must be able to support themselves for a 24 hour period. Some of the items that members need in their kit: First Aid Module, Searcher Module (seasonal), Survival Module and a backpack to carry the above items.
- ▶ Cost of the above equipment is between \$300-\$500, which each member spends to be a volunteer with Annapolis Co Ground Search and Rescue.

Member's Equipment List

▶ **FIRST AID MODULE**

- ▶ 4 – Antacid tablets 4 – Acetaminophen & aspirin tablets
- ▶ 2 – Antiseptic cleansing pads 1 – Splinter forceps, tweezers 1 – Antiseptic ointment
- ▶ 2 – Triangular Bandage 6 – Band aid, various sizes 2 – Roller gauze Bandage 1 – Tick Pliers
- ▶ 2 – Pocket Mask 2 – Cotton swabs, non sterile 1 – Large Compression Bandage 1 bottle of Saline Solution
- ▶ 1pr – Paramedic shears 1 – Plastic bag, zip lock, lt. size 1 – Sam splint
- ▶ 1 package of Moleskin (Blisters) 3pr – Non-Latex gloves

Member's Equipment List

▶ **SEARCHER MODULE**

- ▶ 1 – Flashlight-and spare batteries 1 – Roll flagging tape, plus marker pen 1 – Extra Flashlight
- ▶ 1 – Compass, orienteering 1 – Headlamp 1 – Cap or headgear
- ▶ 1 – 1pr – Leather gloves or brush gloves 1 roll – Duct tape , Footwear, suitable for climate 1- Personal medications
- ▶ 1 – Set of gaiters 3- Energy bars, snacks 1 – Whistle 1 – Pad and pencils 1 – Tracking or Walking Stick 1roll – Toilet Paper
- ▶ 1 – Measuring device,18" minimum 1 – Safety Glasses 1- Non-Glass Mirror 1pr- Spare boot laces 1- SAR Identification Vest
- ▶ 2- Liters water (min)

Member's Equipment List

▶ **SURVIVAL MODULE**

- ▶ 1 – Space type blanket 1 – Knife, or multipurpose folding saw
- ▶ 4 – Zip locked bags of various sizes 1 – Insect repellent 8 – Matches in a waterproof container 50 ft. para or heavy cord. 1 – Candle, long burning 1 – Metal cup
- ▶ 1 set of- Rainwear, durable 1 – Shelter material 8x12 plastic 2 – Leaf-sized “Orange” trash bags 1 – Sun screen, lip balm, Extra socks, shirt and underwear.
- ▶ 1 – Toilet paper 8 – Zip ties, self locking 3 – Emergency meal (MRE,)

The above list describes the set of equipment that may be required for searches. This pack is known as a 24-hour Ready Pack. Your search Ready Pack should be brought to all searches. Having this pack available, allows you additional equipment given unforeseen circumstances.

Annapolis Co. Ground Search and Rescue Team Equipment

- ▶ 1 - converted School Bus for a command vehicle (decommissioned)
- ▶ 1 – Ford Command Vehicle
- ▶ 1- Logistic Trailer and GMC Truck
- ▶ 1 - Trailer and Argo
- ▶ 1 - 12 foot aluminum boat, motor and trailer (for sale)
- ▶ 1 – Search Manager vehicle

Annapolis Co. Ground Search and Rescue Team Equipment

- ▶ Equipment in Command Bus

 - Radios

 - GPS

 - Multiple Computers and printers

 - Paper Maps of Annapolis Co.

 - First Aid Equipment and AED

 - Radio Repeater and Antenna

Annapolis Co. Ground Search and Rescue Team Equipment

- ▶ Logistics Trailer and GMC Truck
 - Warming Station for members
 - Miscellaneous Equipment Storage (coffee and tea supplies)
 - Generators
 - Remote rescue gear (ropes, rescue Mole)

Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue Assets



Urgent Resource's Needed In Order to Move forward

Short Term Goals

- ▶ We need to upgrade our GPS
- ▶ We need to purchase a second Hypothermia kit to keep lost people warm when we find them
- ▶ We need to convert our current ARGO to a 4 season rescue vehicle (need to purchase tracks)
- ▶ Need a Rescue Sled to remove lost person during winter rescues
- ▶ Need a Thermal Imaging Camera to assist in locating lost people
- ▶ Need to Update Training toward Standards that are coming nationally

Annapolis Co. Ground Search and Rescue **Long Team Goals**

- ▶ Secure a Building to house Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue and all our vehicles
- ▶ Vehicle replacement Program
- ▶ New Response Equipment (ATV, Snowmobiles)

Conclusion

- ▶ Annapolis County Ground Search and Rescue has played a vital role in the Annapolis County for over 40 years and we look forward to many more years of service. But we need your help in order to survive.
- ▶ As more trails are developed in Annapolis County and the risk for more people to be hiking, camping, canoeing and snowmobiling increases, our services will be called upon more.
- ▶ We understand the challenges that Annapolis County has and we are more than willing to work together and form partnerships within this County so we can be here another 40 years.
- ▶ Thank You for your time.

Sharon McAuley

Subject: FCM's Legal Defense Fund

From: FCM Communiqué [<mailto:communique@fcm.ca>]

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 5:35 PM

To: Rachel Turner

Subject: FCM's Legal Defense Fund

March 27, 2017

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Dear Rachel Turner,

Recently you received a voluntary invoice in regards to FCM's Legal Defense Fund. However, it's come to our attention that some offices did not receive the background information on the Fund that accompanied the invoice and was addressed to your council.

In 1997, FCM established a Legal Defense Fund to cover the legal costs of defending municipal jurisdiction over rights-of-way management. Since then, the scope of the Fund has evolved and is now an essential tool in advancing the national legal interests of municipalities in a broad range of cases that have implications for the municipal sector.

After years of activity, the Fund has been fully depleted. To ensure that FCM is able to continue defending the national legal interests of the municipal sector, we have established a long-term strategy to recapitalize the Fund on an annual basis — beginning with an immediate call for voluntary member contributions. This is why you received an invoice.

While voluntary, we strongly encourage members to contribute. For more information on the Fund, how it's used and how it benefits your municipality, please visit our [website](#). If you still have questions, please email info@fcm.ca.

Thank you in advance for your immediate and ongoing support of FCM's Legal Defense Fund.

Debbie Miller
Manager, Corporate Communications and Membership

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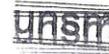


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MAR 23 2017

Deputy Mayor Laurie Murley
President of Union of
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Dear President Murley:

Re: 12 Month Notice Under the *Municipal Government Act*

Under the provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, the Minister of Municipal Affairs must provide to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities 12 months notice of any provincial legislation, regulation or administrative actions that could have the effect of decreasing revenues or increasing the required expenditures of municipalities.

This letter is intended to provide notice of such changes for fiscal year 2018-19 and beyond. The Department of Municipal Affairs (DMA) canvassed provincial departments to seek information on plans for legislative, regulatory and policy changes in the coming fiscal year. The following is a summary of the results of that survey.

Department of Justice

• **Biological Casework Analysis Agreement**

The Biological Casework Analysis Agreement provides Nova Scotia's municipalities with DNA analysis arising from criminal investigations. DNA analysis is an important and affordable service that helps solve crimes. The expected cost to Nova Scotia in 2017-18 and 2018-19 is \$724,334.26 compared to \$988,849.89 in 2016-17. This temporary reduction in cost is due to lower-than-anticipated expenses resulting from the consolidation of the lab. It is expected that the cost of the service post 2018-19 will return to the 2016-17 level as consolidation is now complete.

The proration of the cost to municipalities will be reassessed annually upon DMA's release of the "Total Uniform Assessment" for the current fiscal year.

- **Legalization of Cannabis**

There is a possibility that the federally directed legalization of cannabis could have implications for municipalities in 2018-19 and beyond in areas such as municipal policy and policing/by-law enforcement. Until there is clarity around the federal, and subsequent provincial legislative and regulatory frameworks, no specific implications can be identified.

DMA is on the inter-departmental working group on cannabis legalization and will be leading municipal engagement as the issue unfolds.

Nova Scotia Environment (NSE)

- **Cap and Trade Program for Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

NSE is leading the development of a cap and trade system for provincial Green House Gas emissions. While it does not anticipate direct municipal impacts, municipalities may be interested in understanding the broader impacts of cap and trade. NSE will work with DMA to provide opportunities to further engage municipalities on this matter.

- **Drinking Water Requirements**

Manganese is currently an aesthetic parameter in drinking water, which means treatment is not mandatory. Health Canada consulted on, and subsequently approved, making manganese a health-related parameter for drinking water. The federal guideline will be published later this year. Once this happens, it will become a provincially regulated limit for drinking water.

Municipalities are already required to sample for manganese; however, when it becomes a health-related parameter they will be required to treat for it, if they do not meet the newly established limit. Once the limit is in place NSE will expect municipalities to complete an evaluation to see if they meet the new limit and if they do not, to develop a plan to meet it. Based on 2015 data it is expected that this change will affect three of the 83 water treatment facilities. There will be a compliance period during which municipalities, in consultation with NSE, will be able to plan for required upgrades.

Department of Municipal Affairs

- **Uniform Assessment**

Uniform Assessment (UA) measures a municipality's tax base, including the total taxable property assessment plus the capitalized value of grants a municipality receives from special property tax arrangements. UA is used to calculate municipal education contributions, municipal contributions to corrections, and the Municipal Equalization Grant.

The UA calculation is currently being reviewed to consider the following:

- Inclusion of the Conservation Property Grant: This grant is provided by the Province to municipalities in lieu of taxes for qualifying “conservation properties” as outlined in the *Conservation Property Tax Exemption Act*. Currently there are 22 municipalities that receive this grant in lieu.
- Removal of Water Utilities: The current UA calculation provides a credit for water utilities under the assumption that municipalities do not tax their water utility; however, in a few cases it has been noted that the municipalities do in fact tax their water utilities.

Municipal contributions to education are determined by applying a tax rate, set by the Department of Education, to the UA. If the UA calculation is updated accordingly, total municipal contributions to education would increase.

- **Joint Municipal Accountability and Transparency Committee (JMAT)**

The Joint Municipal Accountability and Transparency Committee was established to ensure mechanisms are in place to support the requirement of transparency and accountability to the public concerning municipal expenses. The committee is in the process of finalizing recommendations, with anticipated changes to the MGA in phases. Phase one will be this spring with anticipated amendments, including posting municipal expenses online, having no material financial impact on municipalities. Other recommendations are subject to further consultation, and may be brought forward and have impacts in the 2018/19 year.

As you know, all government departments continue to review programs that could affect municipalities, particularly those that would decrease revenues or increase the required expenditures of municipalities. As potential impacts are identified, notice will be provided to municipalities. Please let Kelliann Dean, Deputy Minister, Department of Municipal Affairs, know if you have any concerns or questions regarding the information contained in this 12 month notice.

Yours truly,



Zach Churchill
Minister

- c Honourable Diana Whalen, Minister of Justice
Honourable Margaret Miller, Minister of Nova Scotia Environment
Kelliann Dean, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs