



Aboriginal Disaster Resilience Project Resources

Information Guide: Nova Scotia

General Information

Provincial/territorial emergency management organizations coordinate response activities, conduct planning and research, train, administer, and deliver disaster financial assistance programs in their respective province or territory. Funding agreements between emergency management organizations and AANDC help to ensure successful coordinated response and recovery efforts, better clarify roles and responsibilities, and support enhanced preparedness activities, including training and development of more robust community emergency plans for on-reserve First Nations.

For all aboriginal communities not considered as on-reserve First Nations communities, Provincial/Territorial emergency management organizations provide the same level of support as they do any community within their respective jurisdictions. These include Metis, First Nations in settlement areas and Inuit communities

You can use the keywords listed in your internet search engine (Google, Yahoo, Explorer, etc.) to find the information online.

AANDC is currently negotiating provincial/territorial bilateral agreements regarding emergency management service provision for on-reserve First Nations

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1324572607784/1324572653216#a2>

Keywords: AANDC National Emergency Management Plan

For general information regarding AANDC's role in emergency management, please contact:

AANDC Public Enquiries Contact Centre

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Terrasses de la Chaudière

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Gatineau, Quebec

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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4

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Phone: (toll-free) 1-800-567-9604

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Memorandum of Understanding

On April 16th, 2010, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Nova Scotia and Canada to address emergency management concerns with Mi'kmaq communities in the province.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is a commitment between both governments to coordinate, share information, strengthen collaborative efforts and improve the efficiency of Aboriginal consultation processes in the province. Similar MOUs are in development with other provinces and territories.

**Definition taken from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)

http://novascotia.ca/dma/emo/resources/docs/AR_2010-2011.pdf

Keywords: Nova Scotia MOU emergency management first nations

Additional Information

The Union of Nova Scotia Indians and the Tripartite Forum are two organizations that may provide useful information regarding emergency management. The Union of Nova Scotia Indians provides information about environmental services and environmental emergencies for First Nations in Nova Scotia on their website.

<http://www.unsi.ns.ca/departments/environmental-services/3/>

Keywords: Union of Nova Scotia Indians environmental emergencies

The Tripartite Forum is a partnership between the Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq, the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada, and their website provides information and helpful links to Provincial services for First Nations communities in Nova Scotia.

<http://www.tripartiteforum.com/>

Keywords: Tripartite Forum

The Native Council of Nova Scotia has a website providing information for Mi'kmaq/Aboriginal peoples residing off-reserve in Nova Scotia. You can find more information about the services they provide and a list of their contacts on their website.

<http://ncns.ca/>

Keywords: Native Council of Nova Scotia

General Contact Information

<p style="text-align: center;">Union of Nova Scotia Indians</p> <p>Contact Environmental Services</p> <p>Telephone: (902) 539-4107 Fax: (902) 564-2137</p> <p>Email environment@unsi.ns.ca</p> <p>Address: 201 Churchill Drive - Suite 304 Membertou, Nova Scotia Canada B1S 0H1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tripartite Forum Secretariat c/o The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq</p> <p>Phone: (902) 895-6385 Toll-free: 1-877-892-2424 Fax: (902) 895-4857</p> <p>P.O. Box 1590, 57 Martin Crescent Truro, NS B2N 5V3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Native Council of Nova Scotia *</p> <p>Phone: (902) 895-1523</p> <p>Address: 129 Truro Heights Rd, Truro, NS B6L 1X2</p> <p>* For off Reserve residents</p>
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Emergency Management Office Nova Scotia

The Emergency Management Office Nova Scotia (EMONS) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards. On the website you will find general contact information to reach Regional Managers and staff who are able to take calls and who will do their best to answer any questions about hazards that you may have.

Emergency Management Office Nova Scotia

Tel: (902) 424-5620
Toll-free: (866) 424-5620
Fax: (902) 424-5376

Email: emo@gov.ns.ca

Location:
21 Mount Hope Avenue Suite 100 Dartmouth, Nova
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Mailing Address:
PO Box 2581 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 3N5

<http://emo.gov.ns.ca/>

Keywords: Nova Scotia emergency management

Nova Scotia Regional Offices

Each of the 55 municipalities within the Province of Nova Scotia has an Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), an emergency response plan and an emergency operations centre. In some cases municipalities have joined together to develop a regional emergency response plan and a central operations centre for their respective jurisdictions, these are referred to as Regional Emergency Management Offices (REMO). The websites below will either provide you with a direct EMC contact or jurisdictional contact information in order to begin your search for more information regarding disaster plans and emergency response in your area.

<p>Annapolis:</p> <p>http://annapoliscounty.ca/government/emergency-management-remo</p> <p>Keywords: Annapolis county emergency</p> <p>Antigonish:</p> <p>http://www.antigonishcounty.ns.ca/emergency-management/</p> <p>Keywords: Antigonish emergency preparedness</p> <p>Barrington:</p> <p>http://www.barringtonmunicipality.com/</p> <p>Keywords: Barrington municipality</p> <p>Cape Breton Regional Municipality:</p> <p>http://www.cbrm.ns.ca/emergency-management-organization.html</p> <p>Keywords: Cape Breton municipality emergency management organization</p> <p>Colchester</p> <p>http://www.colchester.ca/emergency-measures</p> <p>Keywords: Colchester Nova Scotia emergency management</p> <p>Cumberland:</p> <p>http://www.cumberlandcounty.ns.ca/emo.html</p> <p>Keywords: Cumberland Nova Scotia emergency management</p> <p>Eskasoni First Nations:</p> <p>http://www.eskasoni.ca/Departments/16/</p> <p>Keywords: Eskasoni public works</p> <p>First Nation Membertou:</p> <p>http://www.membertou.ca/hr/</p> <p>Keywords: Membertou Emergency Management</p> <p>Halifax Regional Municipality:</p> <p>http://www.halifax.ca/EMO/</p>	<p>Municipality of Guysborough:</p> <p>http://www.municipality.guysborough.ns.ca/residents/emergency-contacts</p> <p>Keywords: Guysborough emergency contacts</p> <p>Municipality of Inverness:</p> <p>http://www.inverness-ns.ca/emergency-preparedness.html</p> <p>Keywords: inverness municipality emergency preparedness</p> <p>Municipality of Richmond:</p> <p>http://www.richmondcounty.ca/?mn=1.3.118</p> <p>Keywords: Richmond county emergency information</p> <p>Municipality of St. Mary's:</p> <p>http://www.saint-marys.ca/emergency-measures.html</p> <p>Keywords: Saint Mary's emergency measures organization</p> <p>Municipality of Victoria:</p> <p>http://www.victoriacounty.com/emergency-services.html</p> <p>Keywords: residents of Victoria County emergency services</p> <p>Pictou:</p> <p>http://www.county.pictou.ns.ca/index.php/11-services</p> <p>Keywords: Pictou municipality emergency</p> <p>Region of Queens Municipality:</p> <p>http://www.regionofqueens.com/emergencies/emo</p> <p>Keywords: Region of Queens Municipality emergencies measures services</p> <p>Shelburne:</p> <p>http://www.municipalityofshelburne.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Shelburne municipality emergency</p>
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<p>Keywords: Halifax emergency management</p> <p>Hants West:</p> <p>http://www.westhants.ca/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=73</p> <p>Keywords: West Hants emergency management</p> <p>Kings:</p> <p>http://www.county.kings.ns.ca/residents/fire.htm</p> <p>Keywords: Kings municipality Nova Scotia emergency management</p> <p>Lunenburg:</p> <p>http://www.explorelunenburg.ca/emergency-management.html</p> <p>Keywords: Lunenburg emergency management</p> <p>Municipality of Argyle:</p> <p>http://www.munargyle.com/emergency-measures-organization.html</p> <p>Keywords: Argyle municipality emergency measures organization</p> <p>Municipality of Clare:</p> <p>http://www.clarenovascotia.com/municipal/en/contact.cfm</p> <p>Keywords: Clare municipality emergency measures contact</p> <p>Municipality of Digby:</p> <p>http://www.digbydistrict.ca/digby-regional-emergency-management.html</p> <p>Keywords: Digby Nova Scotia emergency management</p> <p>Municipality of East Hants:</p> <p>http://www.easthants.ca</p> <p>Keywords: East Hants emergency management</p>	<p>measures</p> <p>Town of Amherst:</p> <p>http://www.amherst.ca/contact-emergency-a-property-services.html</p> <p>Keywords: town of Amherst emergency services contact</p> <p>Town of Digby:</p> <p>http://www.digby.ca/emergency-services.html</p> <p>Keywords: town of Digby emergency</p> <p>Town of Lunenburg:</p> <p>http://www.explorelunenburg.ca/emergency-management.html</p> <p>Keywords: Town of Lunenburg emergency management</p> <p>Town of Mulgrave:</p> <p>http://www.townofmulgrave.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Town of Mulgrave emergency</p> <p>Town of Parrsboro:</p> <p>http://www.town.parrsboro.ns.ca/protective-services.html</p> <p>Keywords: town of Parrsboro protection services</p> <p>Town of Port Hawkesbury:</p> <p>http://www.townofporthawkesbury.ca/public-works</p> <p>Keywords: town of Port Hawkesbury emergency services</p> <p>Yarmouth:</p> <p>https://www.district.yarmouth.ns.ca/index.php/municipal/emergency-management</p> <p>Keywords: Yarmouth Nova Scotia emergency management</p>
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The EMONS website provides detailed information as to Environment Canada weather warnings, Environment Canada hurricane and tropical storm watches and warnings, and United States National Hurricane Centre warnings.

As well as providing either direct information or links to alerts and warnings, the EMONS website provides hazards information on:

- Hurricanes
- Floods
- Wildfires
- Search and Rescue Operations
- Power Outages
- Winter Storms
- Storm Surges

Local District Contacts

Nova Scotia First Nations Communities

There are 13 First Nations Communities in Nova Scotia, which are listed below. You can find more information about each Nation on their website (also use keywords for searching online):

<p>Acadia First Nation</p> <p>http://www.acadiafirstnation.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Acadia First Nation</p>	<p>Membertou First Nation</p> <p>http://www.membertou.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Membertou First Nation</p>
<p>Annapolis Valley First Nation</p> <p>http://novascotia.ca/abor/aboriginal-people/community-info/annapolisvalleyfirstnation/</p> <p>Keywords: Annapolis Valley First Nation community</p>	<p>Millbrook First Nation</p> <p>http://millbrookfirstnation.net/</p> <p>Keywords: Millbrook First Nation</p>
<p>Bear River First Nation</p> <p>http://www.bearriverfirstnation.ca/Bear_River_First_Nation/Welcome.html</p> <p>Keywords: Bear River First Nation</p>	<p>Paq'tnkek (Afton) First Nation</p> <p>http://paqtnkek.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Paq'tnkek (Afton) First Nation</p>
<p>Eskasoni First Nation</p> <p>http://www.eskasoni.ca/Home/</p> <p>Keywords: Eskasoni First Nation</p>	<p>Pictou Landing First Nation</p> <p>http://www.plfn.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Pictou Landing First Nation</p>
<p>Glooscap (Horton) First Nation</p> <p>http://www.glooscapfirstnation.com/</p> <p>Keywords: Glooscap First Nation</p>	<p>Potlotek (Chapel Island) First Nation</p> <p>http://www.potlotek.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Potlotek (Chapel Island) First Nation</p>
<p>Indian Brook (Shubenacadie) First Nation</p> <p>http://shubenacadieband.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Indian Brook (Shubenacadie) First Nation</p>	<p>Wagmatcook First Nation</p> <p>http://www.wagmatcook.com/</p> <p>Keywords: Wagmatcook First Nation</p>
	<p>We'koqma'q (Waycobah) First Nation</p> <p>http://www.waycobah.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: We'koqma'q (Waycobah) First Nation</p>

The Union of Nova Scotia Indians has information on environmental emergencies on their website

<http://www.unsi.ns.ca/departments/environmental-services/3/>

Keywords: Union of Nova Scotia Indians environmental emergency

For provincial municipal information, the website below provides a starting point for identifying local district contacts for your community.

In Nova Scotia contact information for municipal districts is available at

<http://www.unsm.ca/>

Keywords: union Nova Scotia municipalities

Areas and Districts

School Districts

You can find information about First Nations education in Nova Scotia through the Council on Mi'kmaq Education website.

<http://cme.ednet.ns.ca/index.shtml>

Keywords: Mi'kmaq education council

List of First Nations Schools in Nova Scotia (Council on Mi'kmaq Education)

- Eskasoni Elementary & Middle School
- Eskasoni High School
- Indian Brook School (L'nu Sipu'k Kina'matnuokuom/Indian Brook House of Learning)
- Membertou Elementary School
- Mi'kmawey School (Chapel Island)
- Pictou Landing Elementary School
- Unama'ki Training and Education Centre
- Wagmatcookeway School
- Waycobah First Nation Elementary School
- Waycobah First Nation Secondary School

For General School Districts in Nova Scotia go to

<http://ns-schools.ednet.ns.ca/>

Electoral Boundaries and Districts

The Nova Scotia election boundaries can be found here

<https://electionsnovascotia.ca/content/maps-0>

Keywords: Nova Scotia elections maps

Territorial Policing

The First Nations Policing Program (FNPP), is administered by Public Safety Canada

“A First Nations self-administered policing agreement is an arrangement between Canada, the participating province or territory, and the First Nations community. In these arrangements, the First Nation develops, manages and administers its own police service under provincial legislation. Independent police commissions provide for the impartial and independent oversight

of police operations, and the police chief is responsible for the management and administration of the service.”¹ As of Feb 22, 2013, over 80% - or 528 of 617 – of the eligible First Nations communities are under the policing program.

Please check with your Band leaders to see if your community is currently participating in the program.

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the territorial policing boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/plcng/brgnl-plcng/index-eng.aspx>

Keywords: First Nations Policing Program

You can find a list of Nova Scotia Police Departments here

http://novascotia.ca/just/policing_services/agencies.asp

Keywords: Nova Scotia police departments

You can locate RCMP Detachments in Nova Scotia at

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ns/detach/index-eng.htm>

Keywords: Nova Scotia RCMP detachments

Fire Protection Areas

AANDC has a Frequently Asked Questions page on their website regarding First Nation Fire Protection.

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1374066558460/1374066706710>

Keywords: AANDC First Nation fire protection

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

Nova Scotia Fire Departments can be contacted for fire protection area information at

<http://www.firehall.com/departments.php?prov=ns>

OR

<http://www.fsans.ns.ca/deptlinks.html>

Keywords: Nova Scotia fire departments

If you are in the Halifax region, you can find a list of the nearest fire departments here

<http://www.halifax.ca/fire/FireStations.php>

Keywords: Halifax fire stations

¹Public Safety Canada. (2015). *Trends in Indigenous Policing. Models: An International Comparison*. Retrieved from <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/trnds-ndgns-plc-mdl/index-eng.aspx#a5>

Territorial Geological Organization

The Province of Nova Scotia has an Aboriginal Affairs Department that oversees lands and resources issues such as wildlife, forestry, fisheries, and protected areas. More information can be found on their website

<http://novascotia.ca/abor/office/what-we-do/negotiations/current-status/>

Keywords: Nova Scotia Aboriginal Affairs natural resources

In Nova Scotia see Department of Natural Resources

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/>

Geography - General

The Nova Scotia Department of Aboriginal Affairs has information about First Nations communities on their website

<http://novascotia.ca/abor/aboriginal-people/community-info/>

Keywords: map First Nations Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia Statistical Division's affiliated project "Community Counts" has a "Map Centre" section which may be helpful

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/geonova/home/default.asp>

Keywords: Nova Scotia GIS map centre portal

Civil Emergency Measures Act

AANDC National Emergency Management Plan

The National Emergency Management Plan of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) lists the roles and responsibilities of the department and its partners in emergency management. It furthermore describes the concept for operations for responding to and managing an emergency affecting First Nation communities across Canada. The Plan is available for download at:

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1324572607784/1324572653216>

Keywords: AANDC, Emergency Management Plan

Nova Scotia: Emergency Management Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Nova Scotia is called the Emergency Management Act

<http://nslegislature.ca/legc/statutes/emergmnt.htm>

Keywords: Nova Scotia emergency management act

There are a few definitions and legal requirements under the Act which are important to understand (note that this list is selected from a larger list and the text has, in some cases, been edited for length).

"emergency" means a present or imminent event in respect of which the Minister or a municipality, as the case may be, believes prompt co-ordination of action or regulation of persons or property must be undertaken to protect property or the health, safety or welfare of people in the Province

"Emergency Management Office" means the Emergency Management Office established pursuant to the Public Service Act

"emergency management plan" means any plan, program or procedure prepared by the Province or a municipality, as the case may be, that is intended to mitigate the effects of an emergency or disaster and to provide for the safety, health or welfare of the civil population and the protection of property in the event of such an occurrence

"Fire Marshal" means the Fire Marshal appointed pursuant to the Fire Prevention Act

"municipality" means a city, an incorporated town or a municipality of a county or district

"police officer" means a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and a police officer of a municipality

"state of emergency" means a state of emergency declared by the Minister or renewed by the Minister pursuant to this Act

"state of local emergency" means a state of local emergency declared by a municipality or renewed by it pursuant to this Act

Thus, "municipality" broadly includes both cities and municipalities of counties or districts. Ultimate authority rests with the Minister, but municipalities must:

- 10 (1) (a) subject to the approval of the Minister, establish and maintain a municipal emergency by-law
 - (b) establish and maintain a municipal emergency management organization
 - (c) appoint a co-ordinator of the municipal emergency management organization and prescribe the duties of the co-ordinator which shall include the preparation and co-ordination of emergency management plans for the municipality
 - (d) appoint a committee consisting of members of the municipal council to advise it on the development of emergency management plans
 - (e) prepare and approve emergency management plans.
- 10 (2) (b) *The municipality may enter into agreements with and make payments to persons and organizations for the provision of services in the development and implementation of emergency management plans enter into an arrangement or agreement with any other municipality respecting a common organization, plan or program.

Community History

There are several websites with useful information about Mi'kmaq and First Nations history in Nova Scotia. A few are listed below.

<http://mikmaqhistorymonth.com/>

<http://www.cmmns.com/department/history-culture/>

<http://www.muiniskw.org/>

Key words: Mi'kmaq Nova Scotia history culture

Nova Scotia Archives

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsarm/>

Community Information

Information about the Mi'kmaq people of Nova Scotia can be found on the Union of Nova Scotia Indians website

<http://www.unsi.ns.ca/about/>

Keywords: union of Nova Scotia Indians

The Tripartite Forum also has valuable information about the Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia.

<http://www.tripartiteforum.com/>

Keywords: Tripartite forum Nova Scotia

General Territorial Statistics

You can find statistics on the Finance Nova Scotia website

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/statistics/agency/default.asp>

Keywords: Nova Scotia statistics

Vital Statistics

Nova Scotia

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/access/vitalstats.asp>

Keywords: Nova Scotia access vital statistics

Supplemental Territorial Hazards Information

Wildfires and Forest Fires

http://novascotia.ca/dma/emo/prepare_for_an_emergency/risks/wildfires.asp

Keywords: Nova Scotia wildfires

Floods

http://novascotia.ca/dma/EMO/prepare_for_an_emergency/risks/floods.asp

Keywords: Nova Scotia floods