

Vulnerable Persons Registry

Letters calling on NSFM to consider a province-wide Vulnerable Person Registry integrated into the 911 system as an advocacy priority has been received from the following members:

- Town of Antigonish
- Antigonish County
- Town of Westville
- Town of New Glasgow
- District of Guysborough
- District of East Hants
- Pictou County
- Richmond County

More recent letters making this same request have been received from the following members of the Lunenburg County Regional Emergency Management Organization.

- District of Lunenburg
- Town of Lunenburg
- Town of Mahone Bay
- Town of Bridgewater

Copies of the **new** letters received from members are included below.

This brings the total number of requests from NSFM members to 12.



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January 16, 2024

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, NSFM President
c/o NSFM
1304 – 1809 Barrington St.
Halifax NS B3J 3K8

Dear Mayor Bolivar-Getson:

Re: Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry

On behalf of Lunenburg Town Council, I am writing to encourage the formation of a province-wide, voluntary vulnerable persons registry.

The increased need for emergency management services over the past year has made it apparent there is a consistent gap in our ability to serve the most vulnerable citizens in our community.

The UN reports that persons with disabilities are at least twice as likely to die in a disaster. Nova Scotia has the highest rates of disability in the country and a rapidly aging population. Therefore, it is imperative we recognize the needs of this community in our emergency management planning.

The Regional Emergency Management partners in Lunenburg County strongly believe there is a need for a provincial registry for vulnerable populations. Disasters do not respect political boundaries. Capacity and expertise vary significantly across municipalities in Nova Scotia. A consistent, centrally managed registry is required to ensure that all Nova Scotians have access to equitable levels of public safety.

Other provinces have effectively implemented central voluntary registries and have addressed concerns such as privacy, managing expectations and communications.

Lunenburg Town Council strongly urges the Government of Nova Scotia to develop a province-wide, voluntary vulnerable persons registry to protect the safety of all Nova Scotians

Sincerely,

Jamie Myra, Mayor
Town of Lunenburg

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Via Email president@nsfm.ca

January 10, 2024

NSFM President
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities
1304 – 1809 Barrington St.
Halifax NS B3J 3K8

Dear President,

Re: Voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry

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Other jurisdictions have successfully implemented central voluntary registries and have addressed the range of concerns that can come with a registry including privacy, managing expectations and maintenance of information.

NSFM President
January 10, 2024
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Our Council strongly urges the NSFM to advocate for the province to develop a voluntary vulnerable persons registry to provide consistent public safety to all residents of Nova Scotia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carolyn Bolivar-Getson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, E.C. N.S.
Mayor

cc: Juanita Webber, Chief Executive Director - jspencer@nsfm.ca



January 16, 2024

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NSFM President
c/o NSFM
1304-1809 Barrington Street
Halifax, NS B3J 3K8
via email: mayor@modl.ca

Dear President BOLIVAR-GETSON:

RE: VOLUNTARY VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY

On behalf of Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater, I am writing with respect to the issue of a province-wide, voluntary vulnerable persons registry. The increased need for emergency management services over the past year has made it apparent there is a consistent gap in our ability to serve the most vulnerable citizens in our community.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Mitchell", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Mitchell, Mayor
Town of Bridgewater

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cc: Angela HENHOEFFER, Lun. County REMO Manager - Angela.Henhoeffler@modl.ca
Juanita SPENCER, Chief Executive Officer - jspencer@nsfm.ca



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Via Email mayor@modl.ca

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David DeVenne
Mayor

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