

Schedule "A"

Renewal of Provincial State of Emergency by Minister

(subsection 19(2) of the *Emergency Management Act*)

Emergency area:

On June 1, 2023, a State of Emergency was declared for the area around and including Pisiquid Lake, Windsor, Hants County in the Province of Nova Scotia.

Nature of the emergency:

Nova Scotia experienced unprecedented wildfire activity in May 2023. Out of control wildfires damaged homes and destroyed large tracks of land. The fire suppression resources in the emergency area were inadequate for a large fire event. The Provincial government has to monitor the availability of essential water resources in the Hants County area for wildfire and fire suppression purposes. These circumstances require the continuation of prompt coordinated action or regulation for the protection of property and for the health and safety of persons in the emergency area.

I am satisfied that an emergency, as defined in clause 2(b) of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1990, the *Emergency Management Act*, continues to exist or may exist in the Province and requires the further continuation of the state of emergency in the emergency area identified above.

While under a Provincial State of Emergency, I may require any or all of the actions specifically listed under clauses 14(a) to (m) of the *Emergency Management Act*, or anything else I determine is necessary for the protection of property and the health or safety of persons in the Province.

The Directions issued from June 1, 2023, until today shall continue in place under this renewal unless terminated or changed by me in writing. Further Directions may be issued and posted for the public throughout the State of Emergency.

This State of Emergency was previously renewed every second Thursday for a 14-day period from June 15, 2023, to **March 26, 2026 at 8:00pm**.

With the approval of Governor in Council, I hereby further renew the declaration of a State of Emergency for the emergency area identified above to continue on and after 8:00 pm on **Thursday, March 26, 2026**.

If this Declaration is not renewed or terminated earlier, the State of Emergency remains in effect until 14 days after the date and time it is declared, which is until 8:00 pm on **Thursday, April 9, 2026**.

Dated March 26, 2026, at Halifax, Nova Scotia,

Original Signed by:

Hon. Kim Masland

Minister of Emergency Management