

**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 has experienced unprecedented wildfire activity in multiple areas of the Province since May 2023. Out of control wildfires have damaged homes and destroyed large tracks of land. Residents have been forced to evacuate and to remain displaced when fire gets too close. The current ground and forest conditions together with the longer-term precipitation forecast result in an extreme risk of fire in the Province and the imminent possibility of another fire emergency occurring. The Provincial government is monitoring the availability of essential water resources in the Hants County area for 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 Nova Scotia.

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 from June 15-29, from June 29 - July 13, from July 13 - 27, from July 27 - August 10, from August 10-24, from August 24 -September 7, and from September 7, 2023 - September 21, 2023.

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, September 21, 2023**.

If this Declaration is not renewed or terminated earlier, the State of Emergency remains in effect until 14days after the date and time it is declared, which is until 8:00 pm on **Thursday, October 5, 2023**.

Dated September 21 , 2023, at Halifax, Nova Scotia,

Original signed by

Hon. John Lohr  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing