

The NSFM Public Safety Advisory Committee (herein referred to as the Committee) met on January 29, 2024, to discuss all delegated requests from members. Among these requests was the call to work with municipalities and the provincial government to create a Vulnerable Person Registry for Nova Scotia. Additional letters were received since this request was delegated to the committee, which indicates the widespread interest among NSFM members in establishing Vulnerable Persons Registries.

This issue is clearly a priority to a significant portion of members and there are indications that progress can be made to establish voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registries across Nova Scotia, which will help to ensure that resident who are most in need of assistance during an emergency receive it. Progress can be made by prioritizing collaboration between municipalities with support from the provincial government. Following discussion on this request and possible ways forward, the committee Chair, with the support of all members, decided to forego the application of the Prioritization Framework and make a recommendation.

The following recommendation to the Board of Directors was made by motion of the Committee:

That the Board endorses working towards the creation of a voluntary Vulnerable Persons Registry, or voluntary Vulnerable Person Registries, supported by collaboration between municipalities and the provincial government, and that it becomes an official advocacy priority for NSFM, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee.

Motion Carried

The Committee also made the following motion to recommend a proposed action that would help NSFM move this advocacy priority toward success.

That the Board directs the CEO to engage with the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing to finalize Vulnerable Persons Registry guidelines and to host a one-day workshop on this subject, as recommended by the Public Safety Committee.

Motion Carried