



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Community Emergency Preparedness Grant**

**Prepared By: Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator- CEMC**

**Department: Fire & Emergency Services**

**Date: Nov. 20, 2023**

**Report Number: FIRE-2023-11-38**

**File Number:**

**C11-FIRE-23**

### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report Fire-2023-11-38 prepared by Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator

### **Background:**

The Ontario Government announced on October 27, 2023 it is investing \$5 million to small and medium size communities to assist with community emergency preparedness. The Township of Huron-Kinloss is eligible for \$5,000- \$50,000 funding. Applications are due November 30, 2023, successful applicants will be notified February 2024 and projects must be completed by July 31, 2024.

### **Discussion:**

Staff have reviewed various options to enhance emergency management services and have selected to apply for standby generators for the Ripley and Kinloss public works sheds.

Currently during a power outage there is limited lighting provided by the emergency lighting system, which is meant for staff to evacuate the building, not to perform work. Staff must also use a ladder to manually open the bay doors to get equipment out of the buildings. During a power outage there would not be heat to the works buildings and should employees be stranded during a winter storm the buildings would become very cold. Finally, both Ripley and Holyrood locations have fuel tanks which require power. These tanks could then be accessible to other departments during an emergency if fuel stations are not operating.

Generated power will help ensure heavy equipment and staff can service the community during regular business as well as emergencies.

Staff are currently securing an estimate for the proposed installation.

**Financial Impacts:**

We don't anticipate that the cost of the project will exceed the maximum eligible funding of \$50,000.

The Director of Public works was planning on including this project in the 2024 budget.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by having services and amenities nearby.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/ Health & Safety Coordinator- CEMC

**Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer