

# The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

# Staff Report

Report Title: Emergency Management Summary September 2024 and Community

**Emergency Preparedness Grant** 

Date: Oct. 2, 2024 Report Number: FIR-2024-10-25

**Department: Fire and Emergency Services** File Number: C11 FIR 24

Prepared By: Mel Moulton- Emergency Services and Health & Safety Coordinator-

**CEMC** 

**Attachments: None** 

#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report FIR-2024-10-25 prepared by Mel Moulton, Emergency Services/Health & Safety Coordinator-CEMC.

# **Background:**

The Ontario Government announced on September 16, 2024 it is investing \$5 million to small and medium size communities to assist with community emergency preparedness through a second round of funding. The Township of Huron-Kinloss is eligible for \$5,000- \$50,000 funding. Applications are due October 31, 2024, successful applicants will be notified February 2025 and projects must be completed by August 29, 2025.

This report also includes monthly emergency management updates.

## **Discussion/Analysis/Overview:**

**Emergency Management- Special Event Permits** 

Three special event permits were issued in September

- 1. Lucknow Agricultural Society Annual Fall Fair
- 2. Ripley Agricultural Society Annual Fall Fair
- 3. Kites In The Field

Required event debriefs will be completed with organizers now that all submitted events are complete for 2024.

# **Community Emergency Preparedness Grant**

Staff have reviewed various options to enhance emergency management services and have selected to apply for a natural gas standby generator for the Point Clark well on Tuscarora Road which provides water for the Point Clark and Amberley areas.

Currently during a power outage a portable generator must be moved from indoor storage Lucknow to Point Clark and be connected.

Benefits of installing a natural gas generator:

- allow for automatic transition to generated power ensuring water continues to fill the standpipe during a power outage
- allow the existing portable generator to be used elsewhere during an emergency
- provide generated power even if the roads are not safe to be travelled on

# **Financial Impacts:**

An estimated installation cost of the project is \$120,000 which exceeds the maximum eligible funding. Staff will apply for \$50,000 of funding, a cost of approximately \$70,000 would remain.

The Director of Public Works is planning to include the remaining expense of \$70,000 in the 2025 capital budget.

#### **Performance Measurement:**

Successful recipient of grant and installation of generator
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# **Strategic Area:**

□Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle	⋈ Enhance Municipal Service Delivery
$\square$ Prepare for Inclusive Growth	☐ Ensure Financial Stability

# Strategic Goal: Facilitate Community Well Being

## **Respectfully Submitted By:**

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

# **Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer