

THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

Report FES 01-2025

Council Meeting Date: February 25, 2025

TO: Mayor Cook and Members of Council

FROM: James Marshall, Fire Chief

RE: Fire Protection Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report FES 01-2025 regarding Fire Protection Grant be received; and

THAT By-Law 12 of 2025 be approved.

SUMMARY

This report provides information to Council regarding the approval of a Fire Protection grant application.

BACKGROUND

In September 2024, staff applied to the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office (OFM) for updates to the Northville Fire Hall/Training Center including electrical, plumbing and structural to increase our abilities to offer a decontamination area for our Fire Service members.

Lambton Shores was successful with this grant application and received \$41,152.25 toward the project. The municipality is required to enter into a funding agreement with the province. This grant, when coupled with previously approved capital from Council, will allow for the purchase and installation of two gear extractor washing machines, and all services that require updated to house them. The balance of the project was included in the 2024 capital budget and has been moved forward into 2025 to accommodate maximizing this grant.

This initiative protects both current and future members of our department as we increase their abilities to decontaminate after a significant event. With 19 types of cancer covered under firefighter presumptive legislation, this grant goes a long way to helping us prevent future loss.

"Our firefighters deserve to be treated with the greatest respect and concern and that is exactly what we are doing. This announcement is further demonstration of how we are working to protect the fire service and ensure they are not faced with lasting challenges after putting their lives on the line for our province." - Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General

ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER

There are no alternatives presented.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

There is no recommendation associated with this report as it is being provided for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact associated with this report. The Fire Service has sufficient funds for this project.

CONSULTATION

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