

# THE MUNICIPALITY OF LAMBTON SHORES

**Report DCS 31-2023**

**Council Meeting Date: November 28, 2023**

**TO:** Mayor Cook and Members of Council  
**FROM:** Ashley Farr, Director of Community Services  
**RE:** Ontario Community Emergency Preparedness Grant

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Report DCS 31-2023 regarding the “Ontario Community Emergency Preparedness Grant” be received; and

**THAT** staff be directed to apply to the Ontario Community Emergency Preparedness Grant for an emergency generator for the Shores Recreation Centre.

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## **SUMMARY**

This report presents information regarding the Ontario Community Emergency Preparedness Grant and seeks Council direction to apply for an emergency generator for the Shores Recreation Centre.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Province has released details regarding the “Community Emergency Preparedness Grant” to help fund purchases to aid with emergency preparedness such as emergency supplies, equipment and education. The program funds between \$5,000 to \$50,000 and is available to organizations that have direct involvement in emergency management.

Staff have reviewed program details and recommend that the Municipality apply for \$50,000 to purchase an emergency generator for the Shores Recreation Centre. In the event of an emergency, the Shores would currently not be used for an emergency reception centre that would be open to the public as there is no generator on site.

The current reception centre in Forest is the Forest Legion. This facility does have a generator that is owned by the Municipality for the purposes of operating an emergency reception centre. The generator will be due for replacement within the next 5-10 years. While the Legion is well-equipped with kitchen and washroom facilities, it lacks certain amenities and space separation that would be required for a longer-term need in a reception centre. Given the Municipality’s required involvement with emergency

management, it would be preferred that municipally-operated facilities are utilized as reception centres.

Staff have received pricing for a 150KW generator that will run life safety elements at the Shores in the event of a power failure, including the HVAC systems, lighting, fire panel, communication and the hot water systems. The estimated cost is \$120,000. Staff recommends applying to the Ontario Community Emergency Preparedness Grant for \$50,000 with the balance of the required funds coming from Covid Recovery Funding.

### **ALTERNATIVES TO CONSIDER**

There are no alternatives presented.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

The recommendation is to direct staff to apply to the Ontario Community Emergency Preparedness Grant for an emergency generator for the Shores Recreation Centre.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The recommendation is to apply for \$50,000 to the Ontario Community Emergency Preparedness Grant to purchase a generator for the Shores Recreation Centre.

There are sufficient funds in the Municipality's Covid Recovery Funding to cover the \$70,000 balance that would not be covered by the grant.

### **CONSULTATION**

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