



TOWN OF MINTO

MEETING DATE: February 4, 2025
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
SERVICE AREA: Fire
SUBJECT: Report # Fire 2025-002 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report Fire 2025-002 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, prepared by the Director of Fire Services/ Fire Chief, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Town of Minto authorizes the Mayor and Treasurer to sign the related Transfer Payment Agreement in order to receive the funds.

BACKGROUND

In 2024, after being unsuccessful in 2023, Minto Fire applied for funds from the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant to purchase and install a fixed generator at the Palmerston Community Center Complex. Reviewing our emergency plan for the Town, it was recognized as a short coming that our main evacuation center had no back up power/ electricity. An application for a generator was put in to see if they would approve our project.

COMMENTS:

The Town received notice on January 28 that our application was successful and we could go ahead with the project. The grant allocation is \$48,800 which will cover all of the costs, minus some incidentals we might encounter along the way. The grant is meant to cover the cost of the generator and the cost of the installation. We may have to use some of our budget to change some wiring in the building, but an electrician will work with Town Staff to figure out our needs.

The new generator will give us reassurance that if we encounter an electricity outage and we are using the Palmerston Community Center Complex as an evacuation center, we will always have electricity to continue to house anyone in need. The renovation last year that put in a larger kitchen facility will also benefit as we will be able to use it throughout any electricity failure. This will be a great benefit to our emergency planning we look at each year.

With Council's approval and with the transfer payment agreement signed and submitted, staff can begin the project.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

The Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Funding is meant to cover the entire cost of the project. If there are any incidentals/ additional works needed, staff will work to resolve them within the existing 2025 budget.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal 1: Manage our Infrastructure

Maintain, renew, and expand our municipally owned infrastructure to enhance healthy growth and our environment.

PREPARED BY: Chris Harrow, Director of Fire Services/Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY: Gregg Furtney, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)