



AGENDA ITEM

LACOMBE COUNTY FIRE SERVICES

TOWN OF ECKVILLE REQUEST FOR FUNDING – EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDING EMERGENCY GENERATOR

May 28, 2020

BACKGROUND

In February a request was made by the Town of Eckville for 50% funding of an emergency generator for the Eckville Emergency Services building. Since this request came too late for inclusion in the interim budget a decision was made to include it in the budget amendments presented to Council on May 14, 2020. Unfortunately, this request was not included by Administration for consideration in the final budget as intended.

ANALYSIS

The Town of Eckville and Lacombe County jointly own the Eckville Emergency Services building and equally fund capital purchases for the building. Until now a used trailer mounted generator has been placed in one of the parking bays in the building to be used for the purpose of emergency power. This generator was tested in the past and caused significant electrical damage to the building. After it was repaired it was tested again and has proven to be undersized for the needs of the building.

The municipalities also have an agreement with Alberta Health Services for their space in the building. Included in this agreement is a requirement to have emergency back-up power supplied to the building. As such, the current generator should be replaced with a suitable and reliable permanent generator.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Costs for the generator are estimated to be up to \$40,000. of which Lacombe County's share would be \$20,000. funded out of the Protective Services capital reserve.



LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 3 of the Municipal Government Act (MGA) states the purposes of a municipality are:

- a) to provide good government,
- b) to provide services, facilities or other things that, in the opinion of Council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of the municipality, and
- c) to develop and maintain safe and viable communities.

Section 5(b) of the MGA states that a municipality has the duties that are imposed on it by the MGA and other enactments and those that the municipality imposes on itself as a matter of policy.

Section 180(1) of the MGA states that Council may act only by resolution or bylaw.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lacombe County sees the value in engaging and informing the public/stakeholders through a variety of mediums as outlined in the *Policy AD(40): Public Participation Policy*. The appropriate level of engagement for each public participation opportunity is selected on a project-to-project basis. For this item, the following engagement will take place:

- *Inform*: To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

Highlights of all County Council meetings are published on the County Website and in the County News.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The following elements of Lacombe County's Strategic Plan are relevant to this issue:

Our Vision: "An attractive, balanced, and progressive community".

Our Mission: "To build a safe and vibrant community through leadership, innovation and healthy relationships".

Our Key Principles: "Recognizing our history and solid foundation, we approach the role of providing the best possible level of municipal services for our citizens through a base of collaborative and supportive teamwork.



RECOMMENDATION

That Council direct the County Manager to fund the replacement of the Eckville Emergency Services Building emergency generator as requested by the Town of Eckville up to a maximum of \$20,000; and further, and that this funding be provided from the Protective Services capital reserve.

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