

**The Corporation of the Town of Deep River**  
**REPORT**  
**2025-PW-003**

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**Council Meeting Date: February 5, 2025**  
**Council Meeting Time: 6:00 PM**  
**Council Meeting Place: Council Chambers**

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**Subject: Town Hall Generator**  
**Author: Dave McCarthy, Director of Operations**

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** report number 2025-PW-003 “**Town Hall Generator**” be received, and

**THAT** Council approve the pre-budget allocation in the amount of \$213,240 (including non-rebate portion of HST) from the 2025 Capital Budget, funded from reserves, to complete the Town Hall Generator Project.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Town Hall generator replacement project aims to enhance the building’s backup power capabilities, ensuring uninterrupted services during emergencies. The first phase of this project, including design and preliminary electrical work, was completed in 2024, fully funded by the Ontario Nuclear Emergency Management Program grant.

The 2025 Capital budget presented to Council in November 2024 included the next phase of the project: procurement and installation of the generator unit.

To assist with funding the next phase, staff applied for two grants with a potential total grant funding of \$115,000. The Town was successful again with the Ontario Nuclear Emergency Management Program grant of \$50,000 and are awaiting the announcement of awards for the second grant.

**ANALYSIS & RATIONALE:**

The Ontario Nuclear Emergency Management Program grant requires the funding be fully expensed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. In order to meet this requirement, the procurement of the generator must be initiated as soon as possible.

Replacing the Town Hall generator will significantly improve the facility’s emergency preparedness by addressing existing power limitations. This upgrade ensures continued operation of critical municipal and emergency services during outages, aligning with the Town’s commitment to operational excellence and community safety.

**OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

None

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Pre-budget approval of \$213,240 (including non-rebate portion of HST) from the 2025 Capital Budget.

If only the approved grant is received, the Town’s portion of funding will amount to \$163,240. However, if the second grant application is successful, the Town’s portion will be reduced to \$98,240.

Scenario	Total Project Cost	Approved Grant	Town’s Portion
Approved grant only	\$213,240	\$50,000	\$163,240
Approval of both grants	\$213,240	\$115,000	\$98,240

Note: pricing includes non-rebate portion of HST

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN:**

This project aligns with Council’s strategic areas of focus of Fit for Purpose Infrastructure, Fiscal Responsibility, and Community Wellness and Quality of Life. It enhances critical infrastructure to support uninterrupted municipal and emergency operations, leverages external funding to minimize the financial impact on the Town’s capital budget, and ensures the Town Hall remains operational during emergencies to support both staff and residents.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

None

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None