

October 31, 2017

Report To: Administration & Finance Executive Committee

From: Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC

Subject: Emergency Receiving Centre's Backup Power Initiative

Background

Currently, our two **EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTRE'S** in the Town of Fort Frances are the Fort Frances High School and the Memorial Sports Centre.

The Fort Frances High School does not have any type of backup power system. The Memorial Sports Centre does have a propane backup generator, which is small, and may only supply power to lighting and receptacle's in the 52 Canadian's Arena. Further investigation will continue to determine what the generator can power.

As of October 26, 2017 ... there were homes in the Kenora District without power; on October 30, 2017 ... many of these homes power was finally restored in the late morning.

In the event Fort Frances loses power for three or more days ... during a time when we are experiencing freezing temperatures ... our **EMERGENCY RECEIVING CENTRE'S** will really be of no use to our citizens and/or visitors.

The Fort Frances High School, and the Memorial Sports Centre along with the Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre are key buildings, which need to have backup power for lighting and heating.

The Fort Frances Power Corporation, and the Rainy River District School Board need to be brought onboard so we can work together at establishing a Backup Power and Infrastructure Plan. As well, The Northwest Catholic District School Board may be another key partner to bring onboard, as they are in the process of building a new school.

Recommendation

That the Administration & Finance Executive Committee approves this report and directs Council to permit Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC to proceed with contacting the Key Community Partners related to having input in establishing a Backup Power and Infrastructure Plan at our Two Emergency Evacuation Centre(s), as well as at any other possible alternative sites.

Respectfully submitted,



Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC