

November 8, 2017

**Report To:** Mayor and Council

**From:** Tyler Moffitt, Fire Chief/CEMC

**Subject: Emergency Receiving Centre's Backup Power Initiative**

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.

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.

The Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommends the following:

1. That council endorses 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.

**Council's approval of this report will ensure the following:**

That Council endorses 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.