



Royal Canadian Legion

Hants County Branch 009

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The Royal Canadian Legion Hants County Branch 009 has served Veterans, their families and the community for over 106 years. The legion has occupied various buildings in Windsor and has been at its current facility for 48 years. The Branch building has been used by the legion and offered for use to many local community groups and organizations for various functions, weddings, crafts shows, regularly scheduled blood donor clinics, covid testing and immunization center, as well as many community non-profit fundraising events.

Our Branch building at 35 Empire Lane has been used as a warming center for the tenants of the Edgehill Apartment fire and for an emergency at seniors' facility, McLeod House, in the recent past. It has been recognized as Warming /Cooling shelter by our Municipal EMO and we have had conversations with the Red Cross to be an emergency shelter in the time of weather or health crisis. In an emergency, our building is accessible upon 15-20 minutes notice.

Our current 50-kilowatt generator was installed approximately 35 years ago to service our bingo hall with power and lights during any unexpected power outages during our bingo evenings. However, during a recent electrical power outage we discovered that our current generator did not supply our building with the proper amount of electrical power to operate critical infrastructure during any emergency. Our furnace, heat pumps, electric hot water heater for our washrooms and commercial kitchen, two electric stoves, our fridges and freezers in our kitchen, and our accessible elevator to the second floor are not connected to our generator, as they would exceed our current capacity.

Considering the current capacity of our generator, we are looking to upgrade our generator to 100 kilowatts to service our facility and be available for any future expansion to our building. The new generator will necessitate some electrical upgrading and rerouting some of the current distribution panels to current electrical code requirements. This is an additional expense above generator costs.

We have an estimate from a local Electrical contractor for a new Generator complete with transfer switch and electrical upgrades to 100 Kilowatts. (\$88,550.00 taxes extra 14% tax \$12,397.00 = \$100,947.00). We can recover the taxes and we can sell our existing generator to offset some of the costs. The Electrical contractor will give us a turnkey upgrade and is on par with other estimates I have received.

This generator upgrade project will enhance our Legion's ability to be an all-season community asset now, and into the future as we all face the uncertainty of major climate change.

Any financial assistance that the West Hants Municipality could provide towards the purchase of this generator will be greatly appreciated by the Legion and the community at large. We are very thankful for the financial assistance and partnership that you have provided on past projects. We look forward to working with you on this essential upgrade that will provide an important service to our entire community in times of need.

In Comradeship,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Darrell Leighton', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Comrade Darrell Leighton
President