



Ottawa City Council

24 May 2023

Disposition of Items Approved by Committees under Delegated Authority

Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee

For the information of Council, the following item was approved by the Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee under Delegated Authority, at its meeting of May 18, 2023:

Motion – Councillor S. Devine on behalf of Councillor T. Kavanagh -
Inventory of Generators in High-Rise Apartment Buildings

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Report recommendations

Note: The S. Devine Motion (submitted on behalf of Councillor T. Kavanagh), of which Notice was previously given at the 20 April, 2023 Emergency Preparedness and Protective Services Committee meeting was replaced with the following revised Motion pursuant to Subsection 59(5) of the Procedure By-law.

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa is experiencing more frequent storms and unpredictable weather; and

WHEREAS power outages have become lengthier due to severity of storms; and

WHEREAS power outages frequently result in elevators and water pumps not functioning; and

WHEREAS people with mobility issues, the elderly, and parents of young children may be stranded in their apartments; and

WHEREAS in buildings that are higher than 6 floors without a generator, power outages often result in water not being pumped to upper floors; and

WHEREAS it would be helpful to emergency service teams, such as Fire,

Paramedics and Emergency Management to know in advance and share information on which of these buildings have generators and which do not; and

WHEREAS knowing in advance which buildings have or do not have generators would help emergency services prioritize and direct resources during an emergency response; and

WHEREAS the City does not currently have any inventory of buildings higher than 6 floors that are equipped with generators; and

WHEREAS Ottawa Fire Services has expressed their willingness to take on the development of this inventory, and requires the time to scope the work, understand the level of effort, resources and time required to complete the project;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ottawa Fire Services staff develop and provide Committee with a scoping document to create an inventory of residential buildings six-storeys or taller in Ottawa without generators, including any associated costs, no later than Q4 of 2023; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Councillors be surveyed in the development of the inventory as they may have information about buildings in their ward, so as to help formulate a comprehensive list.

Carried