

# **Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton**

## **Report to Council**

**Report Title:** Emergency Preparedness Grant – Approval Update

**Prepared By:** Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services and Dalton Stone, Municipal

**Services Coordinator** 

**Department:** Fire

**Date:** August 27, 2024

**Report Number:** FIRE2024-05 **File Number:** C11FIRE

**Attachments:** 

#### **Recommendation:**

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIRE2024-05 - Emergency preparedness Grant – Approval Update, prepared by Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services and Dalton Stone, Municipal Services Coordinator, and further ratifies the purchases listed below.

### Report:

### **Background:**

As announced in Budget 2024, the Government of Ontario had invested \$5 million in communities across the province to help them prepare for and respond to emergencies. This investment was part of the \$110 million the government earmarked over the next three years to strengthen emergency preparedness in Ontario. The grant funded supplies, equipment and services that range from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Municipal Staff applied for the grant opportunity in November of 2023 and received formal approval on March 12, 2024. The approval was in the amount of \$34,480.74, which is the full amount that the application requested.

#### **Analysis**:

The following chart provides an overview of the itemized list of expenditures and activities that were funded by the grant, with the approved funding amount and actual expenditures.

Item	Description	Approved Funding Amount	Actual Expenditure	Rationale for Variances
Supplies	8 phone chargers and power bars supplies that would be on hand for use specifically at the EOC*	\$587.42	\$528.99	Actuals are net HST recoverable.
Capital Equipment	DJI Matrice 350RTK Drone with search and rescue capabilities as well as thermal imaging and additional batteries	\$25,000.00	\$22,502.23	Actuals are net HST recoverable.
Operating Equipment	6 Kenwood Communication Radios and corresponding charger for the EOC leads including logistics, planning, finance, operations and the CAO	\$8,893.32	\$4,194.55	Original estimate based on a radio purchase made in October for a replacement radio at the fire hall. New radios were found at a more reasonable price to meet the fire department's needs. Actuals are also net HST recoverable.

<sup>\*</sup>EOC (Emergency Operation Centre)

Municipal staff saw this grant application as an opportunity to upgrade the Fire Department's current drone which has several limitations including the inability to fly in adverse weather conditions and its insufficient size.

The new drone allows the fire department to survey and enter into areas that in the past would be too dangerous to send staff. The drone has the ability to assess damages, it has grid search capabilities for search and rescue, and thermal imaging for search and rescue. Further, it has exponentially increased our ability to fly in adverse weather conditions due to the capabilities and technology of the new drone.

The chargers and extension cords have increased the ability for members of the EOC to quickly respond to the Centre. It allows our members to show up at the EOC and have the necessary equipment they would need without having to remember to bring power cords/chargers etc. in an emergency situation.

The radios have given the EOC the ability to communicate from the EOC to multiple work sites in an emergency situation. It has increased communication capabilities.

At the time of this report, all items listed above have been acquired and are in the possession of the Fire Department.

The Municipality of Brockton was required to submit a report to the Government of Ontario including expenditures, project summary and key performance indicator results. This report was filed on August 21, 2024.

## **Strategic Action Plan Checklist:**

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

•	Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision	Yes
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community	Yes
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life	Yes
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment	N/A
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development	Yes
•	Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance	Yes

## **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

• Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

### **Reviewed By:**



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

# **Respectfully Submitted by:**

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