



Essex Region Conservation Authority

Executive Committee

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023

Time: 5:15 pm

Location and Details: Council Chambers, Essex Civic Centre, Essex, ON

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None
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The next meeting of the ERCA Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Civic Centre, Essex.

11. Adjournment



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Byrne", is written over a faint horizontal line.

Tim Byrne, CAO/Secretary-Treasurer



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EC06/23

From: Kevin Money, Director of Conservation Services

Date: Wednesday, November 29, 2023

Subject: Purchase of an 80KW Portable Generator

Legislation: Conservation Authorities Act

Recommendation: THAT the tender for an Portable Generator in the amount of \$_____ be awarded to _____ subject to favourable review by Administration.

Summary

- In 2019, ERCA received funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to build a pumping system at Collavino Conservation Area. The pumping system was installed, but the grant budget did not allow for a portable generator to be purchased to power the new pumping system.
- Administration was successful in securing \$80,000 from ECCC towards a new portable generator and a \$100,000 donation from a private donor to the Essex Region Conservation Foundation that could be used towards the purchase of the portable generator.

Discussion

The Collavino Wetland Conservation Area is a priority site for the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup initiative and is open to Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and ECCC funding to enhance this site to maximize its biological potential. To this end, there have been significant grants to ERCA that have enabled the installation of new pumping systems that will allow for water level controls that lead to improved wetland health and biodiversity. Past grants provided funding to cover some of the remediation of this wetland and related infrastructure, however, there was insufficient funding available to cover the costs of associated with all pumping infrastructure upgrades and a portable generator needed to power the pump. This site is isolated from hydro supply and the expense to extend hydro lines is significantly prohibitive at this time (due to length of run, number of poles, and construction of poles in wetland conditions).

A subsequent application to ECCC was made to purchase a new portable generator as a rental is cost prohibitive. Through new grant funding available from ECCC, ERCA has been approved to an upset limit of \$80,000 towards acquisition of a new portable generator. In addition to this funding, ERCA may be able to receive funding through a donation made through the Essex Region Conservation Foundation. As a result, the purchase of this new equipment will be externally funded, despite being a mandatory service eligible for cost share between municipalities.

Administration conducted research and consulted with member municipalities for suggested reputable suppliers. Given the limited number of suppliers of this specialized equipment, ERCA invited quotes from qualified suppliers. This approach was followed as generator manufacturers would not typically access our website and be aware of a tendering process.

The deadline for submitting quotes was December 11, 2023, at 4:00 pm. Quotes will be read out loud and recorded on the tender summary sheet for deliberation by the Executive Committee.

Approved By:



Tim Byrne
CAO/Secretary Treasurer

Attachments:

None