

# INFORMATION NOTE

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**Title:** Generators in Personal Care Homes

**Date Prepared:** October 31, 2019

**Report To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council

**Councillor and Role:** Councillor Deanne Stapleton

**Ward:** N/A

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**Issue:** Policies- Generators in Personal Care Homes

## **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

During the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting the Seniors Advisory Committee asked that the City's Planning, Engineering & Regulatory Services Department be contacted to get an update on the outcome of the findings in relation to generators being required when a building of multiple units is being constructed. Ken O'Brien- Chief Municipal Planner and Lindsay Lyghtle- Planner III gave this response:

- The National Building Code of Canada for personal care homes generally does not require a generator, but they can be required in some circumstances.
- The requirement for a generator in a personal care home depends on the height and size of the building.
- High-rise buildings used as personal care homes do require a back-up generator.
- Some developers of personal care homes are installing generators for peace of mind (which can help with sales), even if one is not required by the Building Code.
- Generally, the City does not require the installation of a generator in an existing personal care home unless a specific issue arises.

## **Key Considerations/Implications:**

1. Budget/Financial Implications-N/A
2. Partners or Other Stakeholders -N/A
3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans
  - A sustainable City- A City that is sustainable today and for future generations; economically, environmentally and financially
  - An Effective City- A City that performs effectively and delivers results
4. Legal or Policy Implications-N/A

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5. Privacy Implications: N/A
6. Engagement and Communications Considerations- N/A
7. Human Resource Implications: N/A
8. Procurement Implications: N/A
9. Information Technology Implications: N/A
10. Other Implications: N/A

**Conclusion/Next Steps:**

Next steps will be determined based on discussion with committee members.

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**Reviewed by/Date:**

**Approved by/Date:**

**Attachments:**