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**AGENDA
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING
OF MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

Tuesday, March 31, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. STAFF REPORTS**
 - 3.1 Administration Department**
 - 3.1.1. Emergency Funding for Food Banks1-2**
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**



Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

REQUEST FOR A DECISION

REPORT TO: Municipal Council
SUBMITTED BY: CAO – Tom MacEwan, LLB
DATE: March 30, 2020
RE: Financial Contribution to Food Banks

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Municipal Council approve providing emergency funding in the amount of \$10,000 to assist the four (4) food banks serving the residents of Lunenburg County with the funds coming from the Council Approved Contingency Fund and being distributed proportionately based on the number of families that each food bank serves each month in the following amounts:

- Town of Bridgewater Food Bank: \$6,100
- Town of Mahone Bay Food Bank: \$1,800
- Town of Lunenburg Food Bank: \$1,300
- New Germany Food Bank: \$800

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 19, 2020, the Province announced measures to help vulnerable Nova Scotians which included \$1 million to help Feed Nova Scotia purchase food and hire staff.

There are four (4) food banks in Lunenburg County which serve approximately 450 families per month with the Town of Bridgewater Food Bank serving 275 families per month (61%), the Town of Mahone Bay Food Bank serving 80 families per month (18%), the Town of Lunenburg

Food Bank serving 60 families per month (13%), and the New Germany Food Bank serving 35 families per month (8%).

In discussions with Council, it was felt that, during this difficult time, the Municipality should provide additional financial support to the four (4) Food Banks serving residents of Lunenburg County with the funds being distributed proportionately based on the number of families that each food bank serves each month.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Council Approved Contingency Fee account currently has a balance of \$59,710 and, with the approval of this \$10,000 in emergency funding to the four (4) food banks, the account would be reduced to \$49,710 with no other approved funding being passed by Council leaving a Year-End Balance of \$49,710.

CONCLUSION

This is a pro-active measure to provide much needed financial assistance to the four (4) Food Banks serving the residents of Lunenburg County during the COVID-19 situation.

Department: Finance and Administration

Report Prepared By: Tom MacEwan

Date: March 30, 2020

Report Approved By: _____

Date _____

Reviewed By CAO: _____

Date _____