



Subject: Emergency Replacement of Cemetery IT Equipment

Report to: Thorold City Council

Recommendations

1. That Report DF 12-2023 **BE RECEIVED** for information purposes.

Key Facts

- The cemetery administration building suffered from a flood in early February.
- This flood damaged IT equipment located in the basement.
- While this building is currently not being used and not staffed, the network connections are still required.
- The replacement cost of this equipment was less than the City's insurance deductible making an insurance claim unjustifiable.
- The CAO approved a budget amount of \$11,000 as an emergency purchase

Budgetary Status

Funding for this was provided from the Insurance Deductible Reserve

Analysis

In early February it was discovered that the cemetery administration building basement had flooded with several feet of water. This flood reached high enough that IT equipment located in the basement belonging to both the City and one of the City's network service providers was completely submerged causing irreparable damage.

While this building is currently closed and not staffed, the network connections coming into the building are still required to support the operation of the mausoleum, workshop building, and various security cameras.

The replacement cost for all of this equipment was expected to be significantly less than insurance deductible so an insurance claim was unjustifiable.

Replacement of these items was approved as an emergency purchase by the CAO due to the necessity to keep network access available to other items on the property.

Alternatives Reviewed

Not applicable

Relationship to Strategic Plan

Not applicable

Other Pertinent Reports

Not applicable

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