



STAFF REPORT

TO: Municipal Council

FROM: Jennifer Bell, Administrator of Protective Services

APPROVED BY: Warren MacLeod, CAO

DATE: July 22, 2026

SUBJECT: **COMMUNITY WATER PROGRAM**

ORIGIN:

In 2025, a water distribution program to support residents during a declared water shortage was implemented by the Municipality. The province reimbursed the municipality for the cost of the bottled water (that was available at Sobeys by coupon) for residents who experienced water shortages due to dry wells. Total cost of the water reimbursement was \$4783.00.

BACKGROUND:

The province has since discontinued the funding for a water distribution program, but the Municipality is moving to proactively prepare options to support residents with this option in advance of a declared water shortage. This project implementation is contingent on the participation of Sobeys (Shelburne).

RECOMMENDED MOTION: REMO BY-LAW:

Being duly moved and seconded, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, as recommended by the Administrator of Protective Services, move to approach Sobeys for participation to reinstate the water distribution program in preparation for potential declaration of water shortages.

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS:

Cost for this project is anticipated to be similar to last year, approximately \$4783.00, although it may be more or less depending on resident uptake. The cost would be funded/absorbed by the Municipality.