

Report

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File:

Subject Replacement Fire Department Vehicle

PURPOSE

To consider the purchase of a replacement Fire Department pickup truck with emergency equipment installed.

BACKGROUND

In 2019, four new pickups were purchased for the Fire Department, one for each hall, to replace the ageing pickups bought in 1999. The 1999 pickups were then utilized as a part of the Public Works fleet to accommodate the COVID-19 restrictions of one person per vehicle.

One of the 1999 pickups was utilized for towing the new Sprinkler Protection Unit and for local and interior deployments. It is showing its age, requiring excessive repairs to keep it operational.

DISCUSSION

With the cost of repairs exceeding a replacement vehicle's price, a new vehicle makes financial sense. However, due to the availability and cost of new vehicles, Fire Department staff suggest purchasing a used vehicle instead of a new one.

Replacing this vehicle will reduce the repair costs the department is incurring and would provide the Fire Department with a more reliable tow vehicle when required during deployment.

OPTIONS

1. **(Recommended Option)** THAT Council:
 - (1) Authorize the purchase of a replacement fire vehicle and all its emergency equipment for a maximum cost of \$70,000 plus tax; and,
 - (2) Direct staff to amend the 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw to increase Fire Capital expense by \$70,000.
2. THAT Council direct staff to include the replacement of a Fire Department vehicle for discussion during the 2022 budget process.

IMPLICATIONS

Net revenue received during the year for local and interior fire deployments is approximately \$282,000, which will be transferred to the Fire Truck Reserve fund and may be used to cover the cost of this purchase. This purchase will result in operational savings by reducing repair costs related to the current vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

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- (2) Direct staff to amend the 2021-2025 Financial Plan Bylaw to increase Fire Capital expense by \$70,000.

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