



Staff Report

Report Title: Fleet Vehicle – Fire Chief – Pre Budget Approval

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Department: Fire and Emergency Services

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives Report Number FIRE-2023-01-3 prepared by Chris Cleave, Fire Chief AND authorizes pre-budget approval for the purchase of the 2019 Chevrolet Silverado Pick Up demo unit sold by Dependable Fire Apparatus.

Background:

The proposed 2023 Capital Budget includes the procurement of 2 new pick-up trucks into the fleet.

The Director of Public Works is responsible for fleet management and for the allocation of fleet vehicles to their designated departments.

Currently the Fire Chief is designated a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado. The Director of Public Works has identified this pick-up truck due for replacement in 2023.

The Director of Public Works will be reallocating the 2011 Chevrolet truck to a different department after budget approvals for the new models. The truck currently being used at the Huron Landfill could then be declared surplus.

Discussion:

Currently there is a supply demand for brand new pick up trucks and the wait time for new vehicles is significant. Potentially up to 12 months or more. In the past two years, the manufacturers have cancelled two of our orders and offered to deliver a replacement model at an increased price.

On January 03, 2023, the Fire Chief received a flyer by email from Dependable Emergency Vehicles. This flyer has a host of demo apparatus listed on it for sale.

One of those vehicles is a 2019 Chevrolet Silverado Pick Up Truck.

The 2019 Pick Up truck is a demo unit that was used to display various emergency lighting equipment as a part of the company's mobile sales fleet.

Currently Dependable Emergency Vehicle is selling off this demo unit for a reduced price.

The benefit to this vehicle is that it already has all the necessary NFPA compliant emergency lighting and siren equipment installed. This would be a cost upwards of \$12,000.00-\$15,000.00 over and above the price of a new vehicle if we had to upfit a truck new from a dealership.

Total price for the 2019 Demo Vehicle plus all the installed emergency lighting equipment is \$49,800 plus fees and taxes which comes to a total of \$56,623.17

In addition to this, Dependable Emergency Vehicle has agreed to add a canopy to the truck at no cost to the Township. This equates to about a \$3000.00 value.

The Fire Chief is seeking council pre-budget approval to go with this demo model option vs. a new pick up from a dealership. The reasons for this ask are due to the obvious costs savings involved, the vehicle has about 48,000 km and this is low enough milage to allow the truck to remain as a Chief's vehicle for a period of about 10 years, the truck is still within the manufacturers warranty periods/milage, the delivery of the truck would be immediate vs. a very lengthy wait time for a new model which will also assist with other fleet issues identified by the Director of Public Works. And given the nature of the emergency response work required by the fire chief this vehicle would provide a more reliable and safer vehicle in much newer condition when compared to the current 2011 model truck being driven at this time. Additionally, this vehicle will most likely not still be available in March by the time the budgets are formally passed, therefore this pre-budget approval is being requested.

The Director of Public Works will be reallocating the 2011 Chevrolet truck (EP11) to community services. Then from community services the 2001 Ford F-150 (EP01) will be assigned to the Huron Landfill. The 2003 Ford (EP03) currently being used at the Huron Landfill would then be declared surplus.

The 2003 F-250 currently being used at Huron Landfill has several mechanical issues that are not worth fixing, so the purchase of this demo vehicle would prevent Public Works from having to rent another vehicle if the delivery of a new truck is delayed.

Financial Impacts:

The Township's capital budget for equipment is funded through a combination of tax rate and revenue generated by charging for the rental of equipment in the operating budget. The annual tax funded portion has been \$250,000.00 for several years.

The Township's Purchasing and Procurement Policy identifies the purchase of demo models that meet the needs of the department as a fiscally responsible method of procurement, once approved in the budget.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community that offers opportunities for everyone by having services and amenities nearby.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer