



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Pumper Apparatus Replacements

Prepared By: Chris Cleave, Fire Chief

Department: Fire & Emergency Services

Date: Feb. 17, 2023

Report Number: FIRE-2023-02-11

File Number: C11-FIRE-23

Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives Report No. FIRE-2023-02-11 prepared by Chris Cleave, Fire Chief and further authorizes staff to apply to the Near Term Investment Program for the replacement of the Ripley-Huron and Lucknow District Fire Pumpers and authorizes the amalgamation for the two separate Fire Apparatus reserves into one Huron-Kinloss Fire Equipment reserve.

Background:

Through previous reporting over the last few years the Fire Chief has identified and reported to Council the need to replace the Pumper Trucks at both the Ripley Huron and Lucknow District Stations. These two pumpers will meet their recommended service life (15 Years) within 12 months of each other.

Over the last few years, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss has been setting aside amounts necessary in a reserve during each budget cycle to save for the replacement of the two fire pumpers. We are still a few more years away from having the total funds needed for both stations.

Discussion:

As Council is aware the NWMO will be providing the Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss access to significant funding through their Near Term Investment Program. The purpose and approved uses for this funding are for the municipality to invest in upgrading equipment and infrastructure.

During budget discussions and preparations the idea of using the Near Term Investment Program funding to cover the costs of replacing the Fire Pumpers was

discussed. It was further agreed by the Chief Administrative Officer, Treasurer and Fire Chief that this would be the best use of a portion of this funding. At this time, we are recommending to Council that they approve staff to submit an application for the Near Term Investment Funding to cover the full Huron-Kinloss costs of replacing both the Ripley-Huron and Lucknow District Fire Pumper.

My strategy forward to coordinate the pumper replacements will be that both the Ripley-Huron and Lucknow District Stations immediately release a tender document with the desired specifications for their Fire Pumper to be ordered in the spring of 2023 upon council approval. The Near Term Investment Funding that is being provided must be utilized on or before December 31, 2024. Staff believes the replacement of these pumps is a perfect fit for the use of Near Term Investment Program funding.

With a minimum delivery time of 12 months for new fire apparatus, we need to work swiftly to get the tenders released and apparatus ordered to take advantage of this funding opportunity and have the apparatus delivered prior to the funding cut off date.

The closest estimate I can forecast at this time without seeing actual tender documents will be \$500,000 for the Ripley-Huron Pumper and \$650,000 for the Lucknow District pumper with 50% of that cost being the Huron-Kinloss contribution (\$325,000) with the other half coming from ACW. This will need to be reported to and approved by the Fire Board at the April meeting.

Price Difference between Ripley and Lucknow: Ripley desires to have a Commercial Cab Truck. Lucknow Desires to have a Custom Cab Truck. This in general equates to about \$150,000 cost difference.

Additionally, the use of the Near Term Investment Funding will have zero impact to the ratepayer, and it will allow us to retain the funds that we have already set aside in the Ripley-Huron and Lucknow District Fire Pumper replacement reserves. Furthermore, we are recommending that the individual reserves be amalgamated into one "Huron-Kinloss Fire Equipment" reserve.

After the completion of the pumper purchases there will then be a consistent annual contribution as approved each year to accommodate for the future replacement of all apparatus and needed capital firefighting equipment to the newly amalgamated Huron-Kinloss Fire Equipment reserve.

Financial Impacts:

No financial impacts to rate payers as the estimated funding of \$825,000 between the two fire stations will be from an external funding provider.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

The information provided in this report is consistent with and in keeping with the Municipality's Vision & Mission. The recommendations contribute to our goals in achieving an accessible community by being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Chris Cleave, Fire Chief

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer