



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Lucknow Fire Department Updated Pumper Truck Proposal**

**Prepared By: Chris Cleave, Fire Chief**

**Department: Fire & Emergency Services**

**Date: Jun. 19, 2023**

**Report Number: FIRE-2023-06-28**

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### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

WHEREAS Council, through the June Confirmatory By-law approved Committee of the Whole recommendation 06/05/23 – 06 which approved the purchase of Vortex Model Pumper Truck for the Lucknow District Fire Department pending Fire Board and Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council approval;

AND WHEREAS at the special meeting of the Lucknow and District Fire Board on June 17, 2023, the Board defeated the motion to approve the purchase;

AND WHEREAS the Lucknow and District Fire Board passed resolution 06/17/23 LDFB - 01 to recommend the respective Councils accept a new proposal as outlined in Report FIRE-2023-06-28;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives Report Number FIRE2023-06-28 prepared by Chris Cleave, Fire Chief.

AND FURTHER accepts the proposal and costing as submitted by Dependable Emergency Vehicles;

AND FURTHER directs the Fire Chief to proceed with the purchase of the proposed FC-94 Model Pumper Truck for the Lucknow District Fire Department as recommended by the Lucknow and District Fire Board;

AND FURTHER That the source of funding for this purchase be the Near-Term Investments Funding, with the source of funding for the difference between the purchase price and the Near-Term Investments Funding being the Fire Equipment Reserve.

AND FURTHER directs the Clerk to put a by-law on the agenda as a matters arising.

**Background:**

At the June 15, 2023, Lucknow and District Fire Board Meeting the Fire Chief proposed the purchase of an Acres Emergency Vehicles Pumper for a total cost of \$707,834.00. This purchase would require and additional funding amount by each Township of \$53,917.21 This report and motion was tabled at the June 15th Fire Board Meeting and a Second Fire Board meeting was scheduled for June 17, 2023 at 2:00pm. At the June 17, 2023 meeting the Board defeated the following motion:

“AND FURTHER accepts the proposal and costing as submitted by Acres/Dependable Emergency Vehicles and authorizes the Fire Chief to proceed with the purchase of the proposed Vortex Model Pumper Truck for the Lucknow District Fire Department pending Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Council approval;

AND FURTHER recommends the Council for Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh approve an additional contribution of \$53,917.21 to match the Huron-Kinloss additional contribution amount”

**Discussion:**

At the June 15<sup>th</sup> Fire Board meeting the Fire Chief was tasked to look for some potential cost savings. As such contact with Acres was made as per the request of the Board. The information received from Acres was not favourable and they are not able to reduce the price of the vehicle at all however they did provide a list of items that could be cut from the vehicle to try and save some costs. This is not a reliable method to reduce the cost of the vehicle as most of the equipment that can be cut are necessary components, such as the turret nozzle, cabinet shelving, electronic control valves etc...

On Thursday June 14 at 3:24 pm the Fire Chief received an email from Dependable Emergency Vehicles. This email contained a flyer of stock apparatus soon to be available for purchase. Having unfavourable news from Acres, the Fire Chief investigated a specific model fire truck that was contained in the Flyer from Dependable Emergency Vehicles.

Specifically, this truck is a Spartan Custom Chassis, FC-94 Q-Flo Pumper. Their base price for the Truck is \$599,999.00 This does not include any additional ad on components. I requested a proposal from Dependable that included the ad on components to meet the desired specification like the Acres Truck.

Those components and costs are detailed in the attached proposal # 58043

Total cost for the Pumper Truck with the upgraded components would be \$657,598.00 plus HST for a net total of \$669,171.73. This equates to an additional contribution of \$34,586.36 for each municipality instead of \$53,917.21. Total cost savings at this time is \$38,662.27 (5.5%) when compared to the Acres Pumper Truck. During discussions at the Fire Board

meeting, an identified objective was to seek out a possible 5% reduction on the cost for the pumper replacement. Accepting the Dependable proposal accomplishes this objective.

This information was presented to the Fire Board and as a result the Fire Board has made the following motion:

THAT the Lucknow and District Fire Board hereby approve the purchase of the proposed Dependable Fire Pumper Truck, Proposal #58043 as provided by Dependable Emergency Vehicles;

AND FURTHER recommends the Fire Chief secure the vehicle through deposit if necessary while waiting for approval from the Huron-Kinloss and Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Councils for the overage of up to \$50,000 each;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fire Chief be authorized to request additional features be added to the truck as required providing the costs are no greater than \$700,000.00 inclusive of the applicable taxes.

On Monday June 19, 2023 the Fire Chief spoke with Dependable Fire Apparatus to discuss further options that were requested by the Fire Board, specifically the addition of a bumper turret nozzle. At this time the design and type of vehicle does not allow for a pump and roll option which means a bumper turret nozzle cannot be added. The current pumper in Lucknow also does not have a pump and roll feature.

The Fire truck committee members at the Lucknow Fire Station have been consulted regarding the Dependable proposal and are all in agreement that this is the better option all around.

**Financial Impacts:**

\$657,598.00 plus HST for a net total of \$669,171.73. \$300,000.00 NTI funding from the 2023 budget as approved and \$33,307.25 from the Fire Truck Equipment reserve. Additional approval required for the (\$300,000 previously confirmed) additional Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh portion of \$33,307.25

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

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

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

Chris Cleave, Fire Chief

**Report Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer