



## Staff Report

**Report Title: Snow Plow Purchase**

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**Department: Public Works**

**Date: Feb. 16, 2021**

**Report Number: PW-2021-02-12**

**File Number: F18PLW21**

### **Attachments:**

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### **Recommendation:**

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby approves Report Number PW-2021-02-12, prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works AND grants pre-budget approval in the acceptance of the quotation from Cottrill Heavy Equipment in the amount of \$13,181.00 plus HST for the purchase of a snow plow AND FURTHER grants an exemption for the Purchasing & Procurement Policy.

### **Background:**

On Feb. 27, 2021, the one tonne plow truck that was used to plow the narrow roads along the Lakeshore was destroyed in a fire.

### **Discussion:**

Although our insurer has confirmed that we are entitled to a replacement vehicle through our policy, their investigation into the cause of the incident is ongoing, so it is unclear when a new vehicle will be delivered.

Township staff have reviewed various options for maintaining our Level of Service and determined that the preferred option is to purchase a new plow for our 2012 F-350 one tonne truck. This would allow Public Works to have a plow truck in operation quickly and provides a backup plow truck in the event of a breakdown in the future. Also, the 2012 plow truck will be available to assist operations staff with winter maintenance in Lucknow, which is necessary from time to time depending on the amount of snow accumulation.

Staff contacted a local equipment distributor to determine which plows are currently in stock. The following options were considered:

1. Arctic Flared "V" Plow - \$13,181.00 plus HST

2. Arctic Trip Edge - \$12,093.00 plus HST

Both plows would be adequate for our purposes, however the "V" plow allows our operators to direct snow in either direction. The plow that was previously used was the Trip Edge model and the inability for our operator to direct snow in any direction resulted in some complaints from residents. Staff believe the increased cost is worth the higher Level of Service we will provide.

Since this purchase was deemed to be urgent, the Director of Public Works received permission from the CAO and Treasurer to proceed with the purchase immediately.

**Financial Impacts:**

The purchase of the plow will be included in the 2021 Equipment Budget.

**Strategic Alignment / Link:**

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

**Approved By:**

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer