



Staff Report

Report Title: Tandem Truck RFQ

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Department: Public Works

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number PW2022-04-33 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works AND grants pre-budget approval in the acceptance of the quotation from Viking-Cives Ltd. in the amount of \$354,250 plus HST for the purchase of one (1) tandem plow truck AND grants and exemption from the Purchasing and Procurement Policy AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law coming forward.

Background:

In previous years, Township staff have negotiated the purchase of new tandem plow trucks directly with Viking-Cives Ltd. This strategy ensures that we are able to purchase the specific truck that best suits our needs.

Discussion:

In 2020, Public Works transitioned from purchasing new International trucks to Western Star based on their reputation on being more reliable and easier to maintain. Although, we have found no issues with the two Western Star trucks that have been delivered, Public Works operations staff have requested to return to purchasing International trucks due to their familiarity with the vehicle. We have been satisfied with the overall reliability of the six International trucks that are in our current fleet so far.

The International HV613 SBA tandem plow truck that has been quoted has an estimated production date of June 30, 2023 and will be a 2024 model year. Based on conversations with Viking-Cives and other municipalities, the cost of chassis has risen

considerably over the past several months and some manufacturers are not willing to provide chassis quotations until the fall at the earliest. Township staff would prefer to commit to purchasing this vehicle with the expectation that it will arrive in 2024. This vehicle will replace our 2008 International truck.

Financial Impacts:

The 2022 Capital Budget allocated \$310,000 for the purchase of the 2022 Western Star tandem plow truck that is expected to arrive in May, at which point our 2005 Sterling can be deemed to be surplus. At this point we are anticipating that the 2024 Capital Budget will require an allocation of \$357,432 for the new truck purchase when factoring in non-recoverable HST and a \$3,000 credit from Viking-Cives if payment for the chassis is submitted where it is delivered to Viking.

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