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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **September 5, 2024**

FROM: **Fire Chief**

FILE: **1280-01**

SUBJECT: **Purchase of Ready for Service Pumper Fire Apparatus**

RECOMMENDATION

The Surrey Fire Service recommends that Council:

1. Approve the purchase of one ready for service pumper fire apparatus from Safetek Emergency Vehicles Limited in the amount of \$1,270,719.52 (including applicable taxes and levies);
2. Set the expenditure authorization limit for the purchase at \$1,397,791.47 (including contingencies, applicable taxes and levies); and
3. Authorize the Fire Chief, Surrey Fire Service, to execute a purchase Contract and approve payments up to the expenditure authorization limit.

INTENT

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval for the purchase of a ready for service pumper fire apparatus from Safetek Emergency Vehicles Limited.

DISCUSSION

The Surrey Fire Service ("SFS") have a number of fire apparatus that are more than twenty years old. Keeping them operational is becoming a concern, due to their reliability and a lack of available replacement parts. The Fire Service has identified an opportunity to meet the immediate need to replace one of the oldest trucks as soon as possible. The build and delivery time for new custom fire trucks procured through a competitive process is approximately three to four years.

The opportunity to purchase a new, as built ready for service fire pumper was recently advertised to the City, as well as other fire departments. The new fire apparatus is available for delivery within approximately sixty days of order once a purchase contract is executed. While the fire apparatus is not to the same specification as the City normally requests, it is adequately designed to provide support as a backfill unit. The backfill units are required daily to provide coverage when frontline apparatuses are out of service for both scheduled and unscheduled services and maintenance.

The ready for service apparatus is currently available, is operationally familiar to the current pumper fleet, provides similar functionality, and is manufactured and supplied by the same vendor as the majority of the existing SFS pumpers. Additionally, the SFS fleet mechanics will be familiar with the servicing and maintenance of the proposed apparatus, with many of the maintenance parts currently stocked and being interchangeable with this unit. There are no other vendors capable of supplying a new, as built apparatus within the contemplated timeframe that meets SFS's requirements. The new apparatus will assist with the continuity of services until the recently ordered pumper and rescue trucks arrive in three years.

For the reasons described and to address the current SFS need, a purchase of a currently available, ready for service pumper with a 60 day delivery, represents a good value for the City.

Evaluation

Staff from Surrey Fire Service and Engineering Operations met with staff from Safetek Emergency Vehicles Limited to review the specifications of the proposed apparatus and viewed a similar unit to ensure its suitability. Apart from some minor adjustments, the ready for service apparatus is deemed suitable to be used on a daily basis as a "backfill unit".

Legal Services Review

This report has been reviewed by Legal Services.

FUNDING

Funding for this contract is available in the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Plan in the 2024 Capital Reserve Plan.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that the Fire Service procure a "Ready for Service" pumper apparatus from Safetek Emergency Vehicles Limited and the Fire Chief be authorized to execute a purchase Contract.

Larry Thomas
Fire Chief