



Fire Services Staff Report

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| Report Title: | Purchase of a Fire Pumper Truck for the St. Jacobs Fire Station |
| Report Number: | R16-2021 |
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| Reviewed By: | Ann McArthur |
| Final Review: | Senior Management Team |

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering Report R16-2021 respecting the purchase of a fire pumper truck for the St. Jacobs Fire Station, award RFP 2021-20 to Metz Fire & Rescue at a total cost of \$667,757.14 net of HST rebate.

Background:

Fire Department vehicle specifications are reviewed and updated prior to the release of each vehicle's RFP and subsequent purchase. This best practice ensures that the vehicle meets current standards established by Transport Canada, Underwriters Laboratories of Canada and the National Fire Protection Association.

During the 2021 capital budget deliberations, Council approved \$660,000 for the purchase of a new fire pumper truck to replace the existing 2001 Freightliner Pumper. In preparation for the 2021 Budget quotes were obtained from (3) fire truck dealers to establish the \$660,000 in the 5- year capital forecast.

Staff note that in September 2015, Fire Underwriters Canada updated the Township's accredited Superior Tanker Shuttle designation. This accreditation provides Woolwich Township property owners with a minimum 20% reduction on their property insurance if the fire station is located within 8 km of an accredited fire hall. A fire hall can only be accredited if the hall has an operating tanker and a minimum of 15 fire fighters. In order to attain the certification, there is also a need to have 2 pumpers available, one being at the water source and one being at the discharge site.

Comments:

The Request for Proposal 2021-20 closed June 9, 2021, with (5) companies submitting proposals.

The Evaluation Committee comprised of 4 firefighters and 2 fire administrative staff reviewed the proposals to ensure the vehicle specifications complied with all standards and regulations.

The proposals were rated utilizing the following criteria with associated weighting factors:

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| Design Features | 40 points |
| Experience and References | 10 points |
| Service and Warranty | 20 points |
| Cost Proposal | 30 points |

The vehicle Metz Fire & Rescue is proposing is a custom cab KME Panther LFD 10. This submission received the highest rating for design features by the members of the evaluation committee. In addition, the delivery of the vehicle would take place within 340 days of receiving the purchase order.

Interdepartmental Impacts:

None.

Financial Impacts:

Budget (2021 Capital)

\$660,000.00

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| Metz Fire & Rescue | \$656,207.89 |
| HST | \$85,307.02 |
| Subtotal | \$741,514.91 |
| Less HST Rebate | \$73,757.77 |
| Total Price | |

\$667,757.14

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The 2001 St Jacobs pumper will be declared surplus and sold at Auction as per the Township's best practice. Funds generated through the sale will be transferred back into the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund and will offset the expected deficit for this purchase. Staff anticipate that the sale will generate more than \$15,000.

Given the timing of the delivery of the pumper the expenditure for this vehicle will be brought forward into the 2022 Capital Budget.

Strategic Plan Impacts:

The purchase of the pumper supports the Township's Strategic Plan To be Fiscally Responsible.

Strategic Direction of Infrastructure Maintenance with a goal to *Optimize the Use of Municipal Infrastructure* to ensure an infrastructure maintenance program that is needs-based.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends Council support the purchase of the pumper truck for the St Jacobs Fire Station from Metz Fire & Rescue at a total cost of \$667,757.14, after HST rebate, to be delivered within 340 days from receipt of order.

Attachments:

None.