



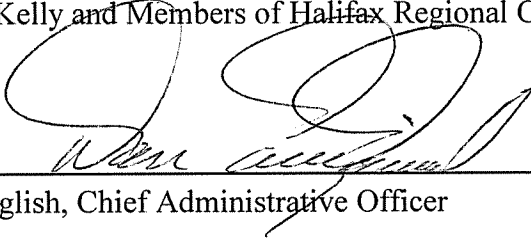
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Halifax Regional Council
July 31, 2007

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: July 13, 2007

SUBJECT: Fire - Purchase of Vehicles / Reserve Withdrawals

ORIGIN

Staff

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Approve an increase to the 2007/08 Capital Budget (project CVJ00704) in the amount of \$ 471,000.00 which includes the non-refundable portion of HST, for the purchase of One Superduty Crew Cab Short Box with a Snow Plow package and Six (6) 1 Ton Ford 4X4 Dual real axle Utility Vehicles with funding in the amount of \$471,000.00 to be provided from Q128 - Rural Fire Reserve.
2. Approve the withdrawal of \$471,000.00 from Q128 - Rural Fire Reserve.

BACKGROUND

The Rural Fire zones require a utility vehicle to service each of the five zones; we are proposing to purchase one additional vehicle and replace four existing older light rescue units which are now past their expected life cycle.

DISCUSSION

ZONE 1: The purchase of a unit will increase the ability of the Zone to perform support activity. Departments within Zone 1 would be better served with an additional utility that would be used to pick up after fires, transport equipment and personal to and from fires, meetings ,training etc. Members often use there own vehicles to perform the above.

The additional unit would also allow Zone 1 the ability to perform snow plowing and salting operations at a saving compared to the contracting process.

ZONE 2: The Zone 2 Board Of Chiefs has requested the replacement of two (2) rescue units; the Three Harbours R-33 Unit #88-210 and Tangiers R-30 Unit #88-209. The Logistics and Mechanical Divisions have confirmed the need to replace these units as they are well beyond their expected service life..

ZONE 3: The Zone 3 Board of Chiefs has requested the replacement of two (2) rescue units; the Cooks Brook R-35 Unit #92-79V and Middle Musquodoboit R-38 Unit #88-207R. The Logistics and Mechanical Divisions support this replacement.

ZONE 4: The Zone 4 Board of Chiefs has requested the replacement of Rescue 43, Grand Lake Unit #89-216 which was taken out of service since it was beyond repair and will operate a light rescue unit from Station 47, Goff by replacing Unit #82-186. The Logistics and Mechanical Divisions support this replacement.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Based on an increase to the 2007/08 Capital Budget of 350,000 for five (7) new vehicles, to be split as follows:

- Zone 1- One (1) - 1 ton Ford 4X4, Super duty crew cab, short box with a snow plow package.
- Zone 2- Two (2) - 1 ton Ford 4X4, 4Dr Dual rear axle, with 108" Service Body.
- Zone 3- Two (2) - 1 ton Ford 4X4, 4Dr Dual rear axle, with 108" Service body.
- Zone 4- Two (2) - 1 ton Ford 4X4, 4Dr Dual rear axle, with 108" Service Body.

Funding is available from the Rural Fire Reserve Q128 in the amount of \$471,000.00. This has been confirmed by Financial Services.

The estimated cost of this procurement is \$471,000 and if approved the Procurement Policy for Tendering will be followed.

Budget Summary

Capital Account CV00704 Fire Fleet Utility Vehicle Replacement

Cumulative Unspent Budget	\$ 68,992
Plus: Q128 Rural Fire Reserve	\$471,000
Less: Purchase 7 Vehicles	<u>\$471,000</u>
Uncommitted Balance	\$ 68,992

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation. If approved this report will increase withdrawals from reserves.

ALTERNATIVES


To continue to utilize the existing vehicles with raising costs due to mechanical repairs and body maintenance as the utility vehicles that are 18 and 20 years of age, 2 of which have already been withdrawn from service.

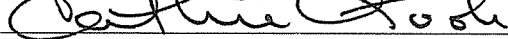
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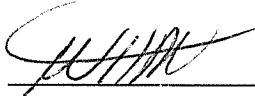
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