

# Report to Municipal Council



<b>Meeting Date:</b> February 19, 2025	<b>Report Date:</b> February 13, 2025
<b>Reason Before Council:</b> Policy Direction / Approval	<b>Priority:</b> Normal
<b>Department:</b> Transportation / Public Works	<b>Type of Meeting:</b> Regular Meeting

**Report Title:** Replacement of Fire Department and Parks and Recreation Vehicle

## **Recommendation:**

That Council authorizes the transfer of the current Fire Department Truck #12 (Unit 1203 – 2014 Ford F-250 [17000km]) to the Parks and Recreation Department and agrees to replace Truck 12 with a new unit.

## **Background:**

During our fall budget planning meeting, the Director of Operations discussed the replacement of the current Parks and Recreation vehicle [2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1500] within the 2025 capital budget due to the age, mechanical and physical fitness of the vehicle. The intent would be to replace the truck with a heavy-duty model to ensure operational efficiencies. Through discussion, we identified that the current Truck #12 would be a viable replacement option. Truck #12 is a fully equipped  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton vehicle with a long box, head-rack, toolbox, sliding tool tray, new high-quality mud/snow tires, radio, and warning light system.

Truck #12 was purchased in the fall of 2013 by a former Chief Officer, it is unclear why the truck chosen was purchased. Since purchase, every Fire Chief has modified the unit to better suit the department's needs, however the truck does not fully address the operational needs of the department. Through the piecemeal approach to this truck most of the systems were assembled with over-the-counter products, and often 'gerry-rigged' to deliver a piece of apparatus. While we require the  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton capacity of the vehicle we would greatly benefit from a shorter wheelbase, increased ground clearance and cargo [weight] capacity. Additional benefits include updated lighting and auditory alert package to meet current NFPA standards, standardization between response apparatus, increased accessibility to tight driveways, laneways, and fields.



It was identified that the vehicle would better suit the needs of the other operational departments by providing a high payload capacity to support transporting lawn care, landscape tools, the water tank, equipment, and signage for Public Works operations. The increased gross operating weight and extra capacity would reduce wear and strain on suspension and engine components and be compliant with Highway Traffic regulations.

### **Analysis**

Truck #12 is currently scheduled for replacement in 2029 as part of the Asset Management Plan. Given that the Fire Department treats their vehicles extremely well and they remain in excellent condition, the life expectancy of the Truck can easily be extended to provide a suitable replacement vehicle for the Parks and Recreation truck, so as both departments have vehicles that meet current operational needs.

As a municipality in Ontario, we can leverage the Procurement Ontario buying group initiatives to ensure we receive the most competitive price without tendering vehicle purchases. Four (4) vendors were contacted from two (2) manufacturers requesting pricing submissions for vehicles. The requirements were: – ¾ ton truck, 4 doors, 6' bed, gas, white body, mud/snow tires, running boards, no center console.

Quotes below were received for the ¾ Ton Replacement FD Truck

\*Note: Quotations do not include HST, Licensing or Upfitting of the vehicle

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Cambrian Ford	\$66,784.00
Savage Ford	No Response
Crosstown Chevrolet	\$89,889.54
Tremblay GM Chevrolet	\$90,016.81

*These quotations would be similar for the replacement of the P&R Vehicle*

Additionally, the vendor that built our rescue in 2020 provided a quotation for the replacement FD vehicle and upfit. His presented quotation for the vehicle is \$63,053.00 with an additional \$25,595.00 allocated for upfitting with emergency lighting, auditory warning systems, graphics package, custom center console, radio mounts, head rack, toolbox, shore power system and spotlights. His complete quotation for the entire project would be \$88,648.00 + HST and Licensing. For historical reference Rescue 12 total build cost was \$51,408.77.

In addition to the upfitting for the new truck, staff would also be looking for approval of costs associated with the installation of a lift gate, and minor changes to auxiliary equipment that is currently mounted on Truck #12 for Parks and Recreation Vehicle for approx. \$6,000.00.



**Conclusion:**

Transferring the FD Truck internally offers the municipality numerous benefits, including optimal fleet utilization, longer vehicle lifespan and increased flexibility in meeting departmental needs. It will support resource efficiency and provide potential savings with the vehicle upgrade for operations.

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