

Report to Council

Report Title: Frontline Pumper Truck

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Department: Fire

Date: October 12, 2021

Report Number: FIRE2021-07 **File Number:** C11FIRE

Attachments: June 11, 2017 Report to Council including the 2017 Apparatus Replacement Schedule

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby accepts Report Number FIRE2021-07 – Frontline Pumper Truck, prepared by Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services and in doing so authorizes the Director of Fire and Emergency Services to proceed with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for one (1) Pumper Truck for delivery in 2022 to be funded from the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund; and further that the tender acceptance will be brought forward for Council’s consideration as a 2022 budget expense.

Report:

Background:

In 2017 a report was provided to council with regards to an apparatus replacement schedule. At that time, it was proposed that council support extending the life of the current frontline pumper beyond the recommended industry standard of 15 years. By making this move it allowed the Department to purchase a tanker/pumper to replace the retiring backup pumper and also allowed the department to extend the life of its current tanker truck, originally scheduled to be replaced in 2018 (Please see the attached original schedule along with the new schedule approved by council in 2017). At this time this was a fiscally responsible plan which not only saved taxpayers money but also increased the capacity to meet the needs of our rural residents and as such the frontline pumper was re-scheduled for replacement and retirement in 2021. The current design and build time for fire apparatus requires that the process be started now in order to have delivery in late 2022 or possibly early 2023.

Analysis:

Based on the recommendations previously supported by council the frontline pumper is still in need of replacement. The recognized industry standard, NFPA 1901 – Standard for Fire automotive Apparatus, indicates that to maximize fire fighting capabilities and minimize fire fighter safety risk frontline pumps should be replaced after 15 years. Fire truck capabilities and safety technologies change dramatically over a

15-year period and as such it is important to ensure that our frontline truck is current in these capacities. Further, based on the current growth expectations of Brockton coupled with the implications that older frontline equipment could place on resident's insurance premiums I would recommend that council move forward with the RFP process to replace and retire Pumper 133 for inclusion in the 2022 budget.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? N/A
- Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? N/A

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Funding for this project has been set aside in the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund annually over the last 5 years in anticipation of this project.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services

Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer