

Report to Council

Report Title:	Asset Management of Retired Fire Pump		
Prepared By:	Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services		
Department:	Fire		
Date:	May 23, 2023		
Report Number:	FIRE2023-04	File Number:	C11FIRE
Attachments:	N/A		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number FIRE2023-04 – Asset Management of Retired Fire Truck, prepared by Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services and in doing so approves deferring the sale of the pumper truck asset in support of allowing the Brockton Regional Training Centre to use the truck for ongoing training purposes with all costs for maintaining the truck being supported by the Brockton Regional Training Centre funds.

Report:

Background:

Current training at the Brockton Regional Training Centre (BRTC) includes the use of our in-service pumper trucks for practical skills evolutions included in the Firefighter 1 & 2 curriculum. As such there is always a risk that an emergency call could take place requiring the trucks to attend which would lead to the students and provincial instructors not being able to complete the training. Further, the next logical step in the growth of the BRTC is to offer a Pump Operations Course. Currently we are offering every course required to become a full-service firefighter with the exception of Pump Operations. This course is the final piece that would allow us to train firefighters for all the basic skills required in a full-service fire station. The Pump Operations course would have required us to take our pumper trucks out of service to allow students to practise the practical skills of pumping water with a fire apparatus.

Analysis:

Based on recent monitoring of Gov Deals the estimated value of the retired pumper truck will be somewhere between \$15,000 and \$35,000 based on the age of the truck, the kms, and the pump. By deferring the sale of the truck and reassigning it for use in training with the BRTC we will continue to benefit from an asset that is already paid for while transferring maintenance costs like insurance, fuel, annual inspection and repairs away from the fire department budget and onto the BRTC operating funds which are not tax base funded.

The repair aspect is an important one as this will benefit the Municipality in multiple ways. If one of our current trucks needs maintenance or warranty work done we would have the ability to use the retired truck as a backup for short-term in-service use.

As the BRTC moves into teaching Pump Operations there is an inherent risk of damage to the equipment due to mistakes being made. We currently do not offer this course because of the risk of having a student burn out or damage our pump requiring the municipality to remove the truck from service for repairs. By using the retired truck, we can support the growth of the Training Centre while eliminating wear and tear on our in-service equipment. Finally, should the retired truck start to require repair beyond the scope of what the Regional Training Centre could provide the Municipality would still have the option to surplus the asset and sell it at that time.

Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

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

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance | N/A |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

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

As stated, the estimated revenue being deferred would be in the range of \$15,000-\$35,000. It is likely that the limited number of kilometers and hours that the BRTC would add on the truck would have very little affect on the overall value should the Municipality decide to surplus the truck in the future as the truck is already beyond the NFPA standard of 20 years.

While this proposal means that Brockton may not immediately realize the \$15,000 to \$35,000 for the truck at this time, it protects the life of the new pumper truck which was a cost of over \$800,000 and allows for a back-up truck if or when the new truck is undergoing repairs or maintenance. It also further supports the growth of the BRTC without added burden or expense on exiting equipment.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Chris Wells, Director of Fire and Emergency Services

Reviewed By:

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer