

Report to Council



Date: July 24, 2023
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Purchase of a Fire Engine Demonstration Unit
Department: Report prepared by Dwight Seymour, Deputy Fire Chief

Recommendation:

THAT Council approve the direct award for the purchase of a new Fire Engine demonstration unit and related equipment to Commercial Emergency Equipment Co.,

AND THAT the 2023 Financial Plan be amended to include the new Fire Engine cost of \$650,000 to the Fire Department capital program with funding from the Fire Equipment Replacement Reserve.

Purpose:

To request approval by Council to advance the purchase a Fire Engine demonstration unit and related equipment to replace Engine 7 to 2023.

Background:

The replacement for a 2006 Fire Engine was scheduled in the 10-year Capital Plan for 2024 for approximately \$697,500.

However, pricing for fire vehicles has been increasing steadily over the past two years due to supply chain issues and inflationary pressures making the purchase of an engine, within budget, in 2024 increasing uncertain. Recently a demonstration unit has become available which would meet the City’s needs and could be purchased at a reduced cost.

Commercial Emergency Equipment Co. is part of a cooperative purchasing organization allowing the City to purchase at lower prices without requiring a separate competitive process. Due to this group purchasing opportunity at an advantageous price and the immediate availability of the demonstration unit, staff are recommending an approval of a Direct Award to Commercial Emergency Equipment Co. for the purchase of this demonstration unit.

Internal Circulation:

Financial Analyst, Kelowna Fire Department
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Divisional Director, Financial Services

Considerations applicable to this report:

Financial/Budgetary Considerations

Funding for the Fire Engine demonstration unit of \$650,000 is available in the Fire Equipment Replacement Reserve. This vehicle was originally scheduled to be ordered in 2024 at the estimated price of \$697,500.

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

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