

Staff Report

Report From: Kyle Williams, Operations and Community Services Manager

Meeting Date: October 21, 2024

Subject: Public Works Equipment Replacement

Recommendation:

THAT Goderich Town Council concur with the Operations and Community Services Manager's recommendation to authorize the purchase of a used combination sewer flusher truck at an amount up to \$200,000, excluding HST.

AND THAT a transfer from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Fund be approved to provide funding for the purchase.

Report Summary:

The Public Works Department requires a replacement sewer flusher truck due to the current unit being unsafe for future use.

Background/Analysis:

The current sewer flusher truck used by the Public Works Department is 31 years old and has suffered numerous mechanical and structural failures, making the unit unsafe for use. This critical piece of equipment is used daily in the spring, summer and fall seasons and has exceeded its useful life expectancy. The replacement cost of a new unit with the same capabilities is estimated to be more than \$750,000. There is \$35,000 in the 2024 budget for a 2-month rental of a sewer flusher unit. However, due to the high demand in the industry, staff were unable to successfully secure a unit to rent. Staff were investigating purchase options and have become aware of a 2016 combination sewer flusher truck that was previously owned by a municipality out west with approximately 65,000 km on it. Staff consider the unit to have adequate useful life to support its value. The purchase would only proceed upon the truck receiving a satisfactory safety inspection of the truck.

It is recommended that staff be given the power to act to secure this unit at the discretion of the Operations and Community Services Manager and the Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer.

Funding is proposed from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Fund. The budgeted balance for this reserve fund at the end of 2024 is \$708,834.

Linkages:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

The financial impact to the Corporation will be up to \$200,000. This purchase will be funded from the Public Works Equipment Reserve Fund.

Other Consulted: Sean Thomas, Director of Community Services, Infrastructure and Operations
Deanna Hastie, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer

Approved By: Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk