

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council
Report From: Michaela Johnston, CEMC, Accessibility and Health & Safety Manager
Jeff Wormington, Fire Services Manager/Fire Chief
Meeting Date: August 11, 2025
Subject: Firehouse Subs Grant – 2025 Summer/Fall Cycle

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receives this report for information;

And That Council concurs with the staff recommendation to make an application to the Firehouse Subs Grant 2025 Summer/Fall Cycle for funding in the sum of \$48,265.00 in order to purchase new battery-operated Spreader, Cutter, and Telescoping Ram, which is equipment used for vehicle extractions;

And That the Chief Administrative Officer be given power to act with respect to signing and submitting the Firehouse Subs Grant Application.

Report Summary:

The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation's mission is to impact the lifesaving capabilities and the lives of local heroes and their communities. They aim to accomplish this by providing lifesaving equipment and prevention education tools to first responders and public safety organizations.

Battery-operated rescue tools are necessary as the Fire Department responds to multiple motor vehicle collisions each year, which frequently necessitate the use of rescue tools. A new battery-operated Spreader, Cutter, and Telescoping Ram with batteries and a charger will allow the Fire Department to increase its cutting and extrication speed. It will also allow for two vehicles to be worked on simultaneously while our current spreader and cutter are still viable but are past their expected life and are unreliable due to maintenance issues.

The Goderich Fire Department is requesting funding for the following items:

ES-100-28-18V – Storm Surge with 28" Spreader	\$17,910.00
ESLC-30-18V – Storm Surge 8.25" Cutter	\$17,056.00
ETLS-40-18V – Storm Surge 40" Telescoping Ram	\$13,299.00
TOTAL:	\$48,265.00

Background and Analysis:

Applications for the Firehouse Subs Grant (Summer/Fall Cycle) are currently being accepted. Chief Wormington has been approached by Firehouse Subs (Goderich) to make an application to the grant, and the owner of the Goderich franchise is assisting him with the application.

Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan (Choose all that apply):

- ☒ No. 1 Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- ☒ No. 2 Welcoming and Caring Community
- ☐ No. 3 Strong Local Economy
- ☒ No. 4 Good Government
- ☐ No. 5 Environmental Stewardship

Linkage to Asset Management Plan:

This staff report is related to the following within the Town's Asset Management Program (Choose one):

- ☐ Road Network
- ☐ Water Network
- ☐ Sanitary Network
- ☐ Storm Network
- ☐ Fleet
- ☐ Facilities
- ☐ Land Improvements
- ☒ Machinery and Equipment

And directly impacts (Choose all that apply):

- ☒ State of Good Repair/Replacement
- ☒ Municipal Levels of Service
- ☐ Risk Management
- ☐ Growth Impacts
- ☐ Financial Strategy

Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:

Is this cost budgeted for? Yes: ☐ No: ☒

Budget: \$0.00

Actual: \$48,265.00

Difference: \$48,265.00

Proposed funding source for unbudgeted costs: Firehouse Subs Grant

Consulted With:

Firehouse Subs Canada

Approved By:

Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer

Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk