

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 7, 2026

RE: **Keremeos & District Fire Department Capital Reserve Expenditure Bylaw and 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan Amendment – Keremeos & District Fire Department Type 3 Engine Purchase**

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT Bylaw No. 3145, 2026, being a bylaw that authorizes the expenditure of \$75,000 from the Keremeos and District Fire Protection Capital Works, Machinery and Equipment Reserve Fund toward the purchase of a Type 3 Fire Engine for the Keremeos Fire Department, be read a first, second and third time and be adopted; and

THAT Bylaw No. 3134.01, 2026, being a bylaw to amend the 2026-2030 Five Year Financial Plan to include an additional \$75,000 from the Keremeos & District Fire Department Capital Reserve for the purchase of a Type 3 Fire Engine, be read a first, second and third time and be adopted.

Alternatives:

THAT Bylaw 3134.01, 2026 and Bylaw 3145, 2026 not proceed.

Purpose:

To amend the 2026 Keremeos & District Fire Department Capital Budget to add an additional \$75,000 towards the purchase of a Type 3 Engine.

Strategic Priorities:

4.2 Support Protective Services

Background & Analysis:

The Keremeos & District Fire Department (KDFD) Capital Budget included \$100,000 for the purchase of a Type 3 engine. A Type 3 engine will enable the KDFD to better respond to areas such as Pincushion Estates and other steep off-road areas, as well as being able to traverse terrain which

the previous, larger Type 1 engine could not, such as orchards and dirt roads. This truck will also be able to be deployed by BC Wildfire Service (BCWS).

Staff have been seeking a used Type 3 Engine and are not finding any viable options within the budgeted \$100,000 total, however, there are good options available within the \$175,000 range. The addition of available funding would make this purchase possible.

The fire department has sufficient funds in the capital reserve. In addition, KDFD disposed of the previous Type 1 engine for \$16,100, and the Structure Protection Trailer for \$170,000 in 2026. All proceeds have been added to the capital reserve this year. The KDFD also has a surplus wildland truck for sale with a reserve price of \$50,000.

Type 3 engines are in high demand with BCWS, as they have moved away from the more cumbersome Type 1 engines in favor of these smaller hybrid trucks, and generate potential revenues of \$6,816.00 each day deployed.

Financial Implications:

No direct tax implications for residents as the purchase is funded from the capital reserve.

Communication Strategy:

No communication is required.

Will a PowerPoint presentation be presented at the meeting? No

Respectfully submitted:

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