

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: B. Newell, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: January 5, 2023

RE: Kaleden Volunteer Fire Department Primary Pumper Purchase RFP Approval

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the purchase of a primary pumper for the Kaleden Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) Department be awarded to HUB Fire Engines to a maximum of \$930,400.

Business Plan Objective:

To be efficient and fiscally responsible

Background:

KVFD issued a request for proposal to purchase a primary pumper truck with one submission. The Fire Chief and his team determined that HUB Fire Engines submission met all requirements.

It is anticipated that the truck will be delivered in 2025 with payments made over the three years. The 2023 – 2027 financial plan for this purchase totals \$900,000 and is as follows, the 2025 budget will be amended to reflect the possible increase in cost.

2023 - \$200,000

2024 - \$200,000

2025 - 500,000

The capital reserve set aside for this purchase is \$924,071, however there are operational reserves if needed. The RFP was posted on the RDOS website and also on BC Bid (which meets the New West Agreement requirements).

Analysis:

KVFD currently is operating a 2001 (HUB) Freightliner Engine. On November 8, 2019 KVFD obtained an extension from Fire Underwriters Survey allowing “E-141 Pumper to remain recognized for fire Insurance Grading for 25 years from the year of manufacture”. E-141 was brought on line February 28, 2001.

The replacement process for the E-141 started in 2001 with building the current capital reserve. In 2021 KVFD formed a truck committee. The committee received truck build information from various Fire Departments and visited a number of Fire stations from Kelowna to Keremeos to gather information from the Departments and Firefighters using their trucks. The committee viewed various other RDOS Request for Proposals.

Alternatives:

THAT the purchase of a Primary Pumper for the Kaleden Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) be denied.

Respectfully submitted:

Denis Gaudry, Fire Chief Kaleden Volunteer Fire Department