



TOWN OF MINTO

MEETING DATE: June 18, 2024
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
SERVICE AREA: Fire
SUBJECT: FIRE 2024-04 Pick Up Truck Replacement

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto hereby receives report #2024-04 Pick Up Truck Replacement, prepared by the Director of Fire Services, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the sole source purchase of a 2018 Ford F150 from Leslie Motors for the price of \$31,500 +HST.

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Treasurer to make the appropriate budget amendment to the 2024 Fire Capital Budget of \$35,500 for this purchase.

BACKGROUND

The Palmerston station has been utilizing a 2005 Ford F-150 pick up truck for many purposes related to fire responses. The truck is used to pull our 24-foot enclosed trailer that houses our Gator and rescue sled for off road rescues. As well, any of our specialty rescue equipment is located in this trailer.

The pickup truck is also used for the increasing necessity of decontamination at fire scenes. Soiled bunker gear, fire hose and SCBA are all put in the back of the truck to be brought back to the station for proper cleaning. Decontamination is becoming a very important aspect of the fire service in reducing cancer among firefighters. The pickup truck is used by all three stations at incident scenes to carry soiled equipment.

The pickup truck is also used by the new recruits to carry their equipment to and from training sites during their 7 months of training. It saves them from using their own vehicles to transport gear and equipment necessary in their training weekends.

COMMENTS:

The department was trying to get a couple more years of use from the 2005 pickup truck. However, at a recent service of the truck it was found that there was unrepairable damage done to the engine. The decision was made to remove the truck from the road and not perform anymore repairs.

Leslie Motors had available on their lot a 2018 F-150 pick up truck that is close to the needs of the department. It has enough power to pull the trailer as well as the cab space to transport firefighters when necessary. The dealership was contacted and have set aside the pickup truck for us to purchase if granted permission from Council. An emergency light package will be installed in 2025 and will be included in the 2025 budget. This budget amendment will be just for the purchase of the pickup truck to help us out for the rest of 2024.

The old pickup truck will have any parts salvaged from it and sold. The rest of the truck will be kept and used for extrication practices for the stations. It will save us looking for other vehicles that we have to pay for.

The new pickup truck is being sole sourced through Leslie motors because of the sudden failure of the existing pickup truck in the quick turn around that we need to get a new truck in service. As mentioned, they have a used option that will fit our needs as well as provide a more cost-effective solution that fits our fleet needs.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

A budget amendment in the amount of \$35,500 will be needed in the Fire Capital Budget to complete the purchase of this pickup truck. The money will be withdrawn from the Fire Reserves to be placed in the 2024 budget.

PREPARED BY: Chris Harrow, Director of Fire Services

RECOMMENDED BY: Gregg Furtney, Chief Administrative Officer