



City Council Committee Report

Date: 5 January 2010

To: Mayor & Council

**Fr: Warren F. Brinkman, Emergency Service Manager, City of Kenora
Fire and Emergency Services**

Re: Second Pumper Replacement-Capital Budget 2010

Recommendation: That Council hereby approves the acquisition of a second Pumper as supplied by Fort Garry Fire Trucks in the amount of \$414,012.00 plus applicable taxes.

Background: The City of Kenora is approximately 260 square kilometers or 23,524 hectares. Sixty percent or 14,115 hectares of this land mass is covered by forested lands or other forms of vegetation. The City's Fire Service is responsible for protecting this area with eight Fire Pumpers and one ladder truck.

Following the amalgamation of the City, the Fire Service did a consolidation and rationalization of its fire vehicles, resulting in a reduction of the total vehicles in the fleet for this purpose. As part of this process, an apparatus consolidation and replacement plan was developed, a copy of which is attached for your reference. The general standard used by many municipalities is a rotation of pumper trucks based on a 15 year life cycle, recognizing that this is also somewhat dependent on the condition of the equipment. The City has adopted a rotation of 25 years for pumper trucks. The existing fire fleet has an average age of 21 years.

Council approved the replacement of a 1982 pumper on the 14th of December 2009. This replacement was approved in the City's 2009 capital plan. This pumper was originally scheduled for replacement in 2007, however was deferred to 2009 due to budget constraints. This unit will be delivered to the City in 2010, and the budget has been rolled over to the 2010 City capital plan to reflect this delivery date.

A second pumper (1985) has been included in the 2010 draft capital plan as reviewed and amended by Council, in accordance with the fire equipment replacement plan. This pumper currently operates at a reduced pumping capacity, and is not recommended to be used to fight blaze fires. Rather, it currently only used to fight minor fires such as grass or dumpster fires, and provide water and other assets such as hose and ladders to emergency scenes. In addition, the City has been having a significant amount of difficulty with pumper #1 (1996), the City's primary response pumper, with it being down and requiring repairs four times in the last thirty days. The equipment is aging, and the fleet bears an average age well past the standards used by many Ontario municipalities. The 1985 pumper needs to be replaced in 2010.

Recent changes in fire apparatus is centred on the new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) diesel exhaust regulations that are due to take effect in 2010. The expected outcome is a significant increase in costs for vehicles purchased in 2010, anticipated to range from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

In anticipation of cost increases occurring for 2010 fire equipment purchases, Fort Garry was contacted to confirm whether they would supply a second pumper at the same price as per the RFP provided at the end of 2009. Fort Garry Fire Trucks has confirmed that it will supply a second Pumper in 2010 at a cost of \$414,012.00, the same price as approved by Council on the 14th of December 2009.

Budget: The 2010 Draft Capital Budget includes the acquisition of this pumper in the amount of \$425,000.00 to be funded from the City's Fire Equipment Reserve.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements: Municipal Memo, Portal, Media.