



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 13, 2022

Subject: SRFIRE.22.07 SCBA RFP Pre-Purchase Approval

Report from: Steve Tiernan, Fire Chief

Appendices: N/A

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Directs the Fire Chief to proceed with an SCBA RFP Pre-Approval for SCBA's required to be identified in the 2023 Capital Budget process.

Report Summary

During the 2022 Capital Budget process it was identified that Tara Station 70 would be requiring Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units to be replaced in 2023. After reviewing the operational needs of the station, and the current situation in regards to the long delays in purchasing firefighting equipment, it was identified that the purchasing process should begin as soon as possible to ensure SCBA availability in the beginning of 2023. This was also identified and discussed at the Tara sub-committee meeting in May.

Background

In reviewing the SCBA's within all three stations, it was identified that, although all three (3) stations use the MSA brand, none of the SCBA's have compatibility and will not interchange with each other on a fire scene.

Analysis

As part of the restructuring within the fire department and following best practices coming from the Fire Master Plan (modernizing firefighting equipment), it was identified that an RFP identifying the SCBA needs of the fire service, would provide not only the best option in regards to fire operations but also possible financial savings moving into the future.

In 2022, one (1) SCBA unit for a firefighter would have a projected cost of \$13,000 dependent on quantity. This would not include RIT kits, spare SCBA bottles, chargers, or spare batteries.

The SCBA RFP would identify costing for the following:

- 1 single firefighter
- one station (Tara)
- what it would cost to standardize all three departments in 2023.

With each station requiring 10 SCBA's per station, the RFP would assist us in our long-term capital plan that is being developed and assist in budgeting into the future.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

Fire Master Plan: 14.0, 14.2 Fire Apparatus and Equipment

6.1 Protecting Infrastructure, Recreation and Natural Assets

6.1.1. Goal

Infrastructure, recreation, facilities, and natural assets are in good condition and protected for future generations to enjoy.

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

Financial support for this project would come from each fire station's Capital Reserve. The results of the RFP would be captured within the long-term capital plan to be presented to Council in December.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer