



The Corporation of the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: June 12, 2023

Subject: SRFIRE.23.03 Fire Department Radio Modernization

Report from: Steve Tiernan, Fire Chief

Appendices: Hartman Communication Quote - Fire House Subs Grant

Recommendation

Be It Resolved that Council hereby,

1. Awards the purchase to Hartman Communications for the purchase of radios for the Fire House Subs grant, in the amount of \$16,409.86; and
2. Provides an exemption from Article 4 of the Municipal Procurement Policy.

Report Summary

The report has been prepared to award the purchase of radios to Hartman Communications, without the requirement to proceed with obtaining three (3) competitive quotes.

Background

The Fire Chief was notified of a grant opportunity involving Fire House Subs and their annual Emergency Services Grant. As part of the modernization program identified by the Fire & Emergency Services was to look at the fire departments' fleet radio needs that would assist with inter-operability with other Municipalities during emergency responses, as well as the departments own operational needs.

Hartman Communication was able to assist in identifying the radio needs to modernize the radio system. They provided a quote for the Fire House Subs Grant and identified future radio needs of the fire service moving forward.

The grant was applied for, and the Fire Chief was successful in being awarded the grant for \$16,409.86 for Harman Communication to install the radios identified in the grant application. No additional costs are required from the Municipality.

Analysis

On May 11th a funding agreement was signed with Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada for the donation of \$16,409.86 for the purchase of 10 Kenwood NX5700K series radios and 3 Kenwood NX5200K series radios. The amount of the donation supports the quote provided by Hartman Communication, as submitted with the grant application.

Article 4 of the Procurement Policy requires three (3) written competitive quotes with a recommendation submitted to Council for approval. Staff are requesting an exemption from the Policy, whereby “for reasons of time, or due to the nature of the goods and services to be supplied, the interests of the Municipality would be best served by a direct purchase”, and that the purchase is awarded to Hartman Communication.

Link to Strategic/Master Plan

6.6 Modernizing Services

Master Fire Plan 2020

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding/Link to Procurement Policy

The purchase of the radios is fully supported by the grant awarded by Firehouse Subs.

Approved by: Sylvia Kirkwood, Chief Administrative Officer