

MEETING DATE: APRIL 8, 2025

REQUEST FOR DECISION - TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

USED WATER TRUCK BUDGET REQUEST

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the County of Vermilion River increase the 2025 capital equipment budget by \$32,000.00 to accommodate an increased cost of a used water truck with the funding to be used from the equipment reserve.

DETAILS

Background:

For the 2025 capital equipment budget, it is planned to replace a water truck utilized in public works primarily for road rehab with a used unit in better condition. The current truck has blowby issues and consistent mechanical issues.

Discussion:

The original budget proposed for the used water truck purchase was \$120,000.00

and was then adjusted in the final capital budget to \$180,000.00 as it was difficult to locate a decent unit at the \$120,000.00 cost. At the time of the adjustment of pricing, other equipment purchases came in lower than budgeted, and the increase cost to the water truck did not result in an increase overall in the capital equipment budget.

Public Works has found a used unit in Saskatchewan for a purchase price of \$200,000.00 (before GST and PST) that is an excellent unit that should last longer than all of the other units that have been looked at previously. It also has a larger capacity than the unit being replaced, which will be valuable to these jobs as drought conditions persist.

The increase of \$32,000.00 rather than \$20,000.00 is due to uncertainty of whether the County is able to recoup the PST on equipment once it is registered in Alberta or not. This is being investigated at the time of writing the agenda item.



Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices:

Desired Outcome (s):

To increase the capital equipment budget to accommodate the purchase.

Response Options:

To approve as presented.

To deny the request.

IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Organizational: N/A

Financial: Increase to capital budget of \$32,000.00

Communication Required: N/A

Implementation: Upon Council Approval

ATTACHMENTS

None

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