



## AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2024087

Date: September 23, 2024

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**TO:** Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

**SUBMITTED BY:** Aaron Bourgeois, Director of Operations

**DATE:** September 23, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Articulated Wheel Loader

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**ORIGIN:** 2024/25 General Capital Budget

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:** MGA section 65. The council shall adopt an operating budget and a capital budget for each fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council amend the 2024/25 General Capital Budget to include \$331,000 for the purchase of an Articulated Wheel Loader, and further, the contract to supply the Loader be awarded to Brandt Tractor Ltd. in the amount of \$314,400 plus applicable taxes.

**BACKGROUND:** The 2024/25 capital budget included \$275,000 for the purchase of a new Loader. The procurement process was completed via the Sourcewell / Canoe Procurement Program. Proposals were received from 2 vendors:

- Toromont CAT - \$466,159
- Brandt Tractor (John Deere) - \$330,661

\*\* Quoted price is inclusive of non-recoverable HST and includes a trade in of our 2007 CAT930 Loader.

**DISCUSSION:** Staff completed a detailed review of the proposals and found the best value to be the equipment proposed by Brandt Tractor. The 2024 John Deere 624P Loader will meet the needs of the Town and will replace the Towns 2007 CAT 930G Loader.

The primary function of our loaders is snow removal, replacing the 2007 loader will enable the Town to continue to provide safe and reliable vehicles for our employees to carry out their duties. It will also improve operational efficiencies by replacing an unreliable aging unit with a new model reducing the likelihood of mechanical failure.

The new loader will help to ensure we are able to meet or exceed the level of service expected from our residents with respect to snow removal operations.

During the summer months this loader will be used to load dump trucks with gravel or topsoil for our use on our capital and operational projects.





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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The purchase of the new loader is \$379,400 + HST before the trade in allowance of \$65,000 for the 930G loader. With non-recoverable HST the budget for the new loader is being amended to \$331,000 after accounting for the trade in allowance (\$379,400 + non-recoverable HST = \$395,661 less \$65,000 trade in).

The revised funding sources will be:

General Operating - \$75,000 (same as before)

Operating Reserve - \$256,000 (increase of \$56,000)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS:** There are no social justice implications associated with this decision.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:** With advances in technology over the last 17 years a new loader will have improved fuel efficiency and reduced emissions as compared to older loaders.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** There is no community engagement required.

**ALTERNATIVES:** Do not amend the capital budget and do not approve the purchase at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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Report and Financial approved by:

