



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2024080

Date: September 23, 2024

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Greg Jones, Director of Fire Services

DATE: September 23, 2024

SUBJECT: Capital Budget Amendment

ORIGIN: A request from the Amherst Fire Fighters Association to Chief Jones

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: 37000-01 Procurement Policy

RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve an amendment to the 2024/25 general capital budget in the amount of up to \$23,000 for the purchase of MSA self contained breathing apparatus cylinders, and \$27,000 for a combination rescue / extrication tool for a mini rescue / extrication cutter, to be funded by the Amherst Fire Fighters Association.

BACKGROUND: The Amherst Fire Fighters Association would like to purchase equipment to support the operation of the Amherst Fire Department, which includes MSA breathing apparatus cylinders, a combination rescue / extrication tool and a mini rescue / extrication cutter.

DISCUSSION: The request from the Amherst Fire Fighters Association would see the procurement of the following items:

Mine Safety Appliances (MSA) Air Cylinders

The purchase of MSA self contained breathing apparatus cylinders up to the value of \$23,000, that will be used to support the operations of the fire department. This MSA Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) cylinders will be used as spares to support air management needs. In addition, these will replace spare cylinders that failed 3rd party inspection and have met the end of their life before the expected end of life date. Further, only approved MSA SCBA cylinders can be used with the current MSA G1 self contained breathing apparatus that the fire department has in operation.

Combination Tool and Mini Cutter (Rescue / Extrication Tools)

The purchase of a combination rescue / extrication tool and a mini rescue / extrication cutter up to the amount of \$27,000 to support the operations of the fire department. These will be a new tool for the fire department to use; however, they operate with the same concept as regular extrication tools but are more versatile than the larger style extrication tools.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Combination rescue / extrication tool, Mini rescue / extrication cutter and the MSA cylinders to support the use of MSA G1 Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) will be funded by the Amherst Fire Fighters Association up to \$50,000.





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SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There is no social justice implications associated with the purchase of this equipment.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: This equipment will be used to support the operation of the Amherst Fire Department and will not present any environmental implications.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: The tendering process will be used to procure this product, as per our Procurement Policy.

ALTERNATIVES: Do not approve the purchase as requested at this time.

ATTACHMENTS: No attachments

Report prepared by: Greg Jones, Director of Fire Services

Report and Financial approved by:

