



## AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD#

Date:

---

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

**SUBMITTED BY:** Greg Jones, Fire Chief

**DATE:** February 4, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Replacement of structural firefighting protective gear (Bunker gear)

---

**ORIGIN:** 2019 - 2020 Capital Budget request

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY:** 37000-01 Procurement Policy and the MGA, Section 65 (z) Power to expend money states: *"The council may expend money required by the municipality for...acquisition of equipment, materials, vehicles, machinery, apparatus, implements and plant for a municipal purpose".*

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council approve a 2019 - 2020 capital expenditure of \$20,000 to replace structural firefighting protective gear (Bunker Gear).

**BACKGROUND:** Firefighter structural protective gear is used to ensure that our firefighters have the required equipment to perform fire suppression activities during various types of emergency operations.

**DISCUSSION:** This request focuses on ensuring that our firefighters continue to conduct emergency operations with effective structural firefighting protective ensembles. The Amherst Fire Department has fifty-five active members who attend operational training and respond to emergency requests, who require protective gear to perform their duties. Presently, the Amherst Fire Department has 15 sets of structural firefighting gear that has surpassed its operational expectancy; in relation to the industry standard and in most cases no longer meets the minimum structural firefighting standard. Most of this gear in question was purchased between 1990 and 2000.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** \$20,000 will procure approximately 6 - 8 sets of structural firefighting protective gear.

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

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:** The replaced structural firefighting bunker gear will be removed from service, washed and stored. This equipment will be used by our educational programs.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS:** The replacement of structural firefighting protective gear will not have or promote a social justice implication within the community.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Reduce approval value.



2. Reject capital request

**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A

---

Report prepared by: Greg Jones, Fire Chief

Report and Financial approved by: