



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

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TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Amherst Town Council

SUBMITTED BY: Dwayne Pike, Acting Chief of Police

DATE: February 4, 2019

SUBJECT: Capital Budget -2019/2020 – Patrol Vehicle

ORIGIN: 2019/2010 Capital Budget

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 \$55,000 in the 2019/2010 capital Budget for the purchase of a patrol vehicle.

BACKGROUND: Unit #6, a marked patrol vehicle has been in regular use for close to 4 years and is due for replacement. The vehicle is listed as due for replacement 2019/2020 on our Fleet Plan.

DISCUSSION: To ensure the department's fleet can meet the demands of 24/7 policing the marked patrol vehicles are replaced after three to four years of service. This process was developed through a review of the vehicle replacement practices of other Police Agencies, including other NS Municipal Police Agencies, and the RCMP. Unit #6 will have been in service for 4 years as of January 2019 and it is estimated the mileage will exceed 200,000km by mid-summer. The amount requested includes the cost of the new vehicle, removal of equipment from the current vehicle and installation of equipment in the new vehicle including a new *Watch Guard* In-Car camera system as the old in-car camera system has reached end of life. Last year Ford announced that they will no longer be producing cars, including the police service vehicles. As a result, the tender response may be limited as only one supplier will be able to provide an all-wheel drive police service sedan. The other option may be to purchase a Police Service SUV, which will come at a higher price. Should an SUV be purchased, all new equipment will need to be purchased as the old equipment will not fit into the SUV.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$55,000 in the 2019/2020 Capital Budget.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: No community engagement is anticipated at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications.



ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not purchase a new vehicle, use current vehicle for another year before replacing

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

Report prepared by Dwayne Pike, Acting Chief of Police
Report and Financial approved by: