



## REQUEST FOR DECISION

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

**SUBMITTED BY:** Bill Schurman, Director of Recreation

**DATE:** February 4, 2019

**SUBJECT:** *New One Ton Truck with Dump Box*

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**ORIGIN:** 2019/20 Capital Budget Item

**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 \$55,000 be allocated in the 2019/20 general capital budget to replace the 2001 one-ton dump box truck in the Recreation Department.

**BACKGROUND:** The 2001 one-ton dump box truck has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement. The vehicle replacement plan indicates that this truck should have been replaced in 2012. Over the last 4 years, \$9800 has been spent in repairs on the one-ton truck. Normal maintenance is \$1,700 per year and we are spending \$2,450 per year. Staff have been told the vehicle will not pass inspection for the 2019 season without significant investment. This truck is a vital vehicle in the Recreation fleet, it is used daily to move materials and debris to and from parks, facilities, and greenspaces.

**DISCUSSION:** The replacement of this truck will enable Recreation staff to safely and efficiently continue to maintain and improve our parks, facilities, and greenspaces.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** \$55,000 to be included in the 2019/20 general 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:** Defer the replacement of the one-ton truck with dump box to next year.



**ATTACHMENTS:** N/A

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Report and Financial approved by: