



## AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD#

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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 – Vehicle – Patrol 4X4 - Car #5 – Carry Over

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**ORIGIN:** 2018-2019 Capital Budget and APD Vehicle Fleet Replacement Plan

**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 \$75,000 be carried over into the 2019/2020 Capital Budget for the completion of the purchase of a marked 4x4 patrol vehicle. This includes the purchase and installation of emergency equipment.

**BACKGROUND:** The department maintains a fleet of police vehicles. The vehicles are replaced on a rotational basis to ensure they are able to meet the demands of 24/7 policing.

**DISCUSSION:** There are 5 marked patrol vehicles assigned to the uniformed officers for general patrols. One of the vehicles is a 4 wheel drive (4X4) Ford Expedition. While all the other general patrol vehicles are AWD cars, this 4X4 vehicle is capable of operating during the most extreme weather conditions when even the AWD cars cannot. This vehicle is not used on a 24/7 basis like the other general patrol vehicles. Its use is restricted to poor weather/road conditions, or when no other vehicle is available. This is done to reduce the mileage and subsequently extend the life of the vehicle. While other vehicles are replaced after 3 – 4 years this vehicle will have 8 years of service in June 2019.

The in car video system is due to be replaced. The unit is 11 years old and replacement parts are no longer available. Cost of the in car video system is approximately \$9,500.

An RFP was released and awarded to Tantramar Chev for the purchase of a 4x4 Pickup Truck with a Crew Cab. We often have a need for a pickup truck i.e. picking up large exhibits, found bikes and for carrying training equipment to the range. We anticipate this truck will arrive prior to the end of the 2018/2019 fiscal year, but the purchase and installation of equipment will likely not be completed until the 2019/20 fiscal year.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** \$75,000 carried over into the 2019/2020 capital budget.



The amount requested includes the cost of the new vehicle, removal of equipment from the current vehicle and installation and purchase of equipment for the new vehicle.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** NA

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:** None to our knowledge.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS:** None to our knowledge.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As the RFD for the purchase of a 4X4 Pickup Truck has already been released, awarded and the vehicle has been ordered, cancelling is not a viable option.

**ATTACHMENTS:** NIL.

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