



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 – Vehicle – General Patrol - Car #1 – Carry Over

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 \$49,000 be carried over into the 2019/2020 capital budget for the purchase of a marked patrol vehicle. This includes the purchase of the vehicle as well as 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. These vehicles are operated 24/7. To ensure these vehicles are able to meet the demands of 24/7 policing the general patrol vehicles are replaced after they exceed 200,000 km 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. The current Car #1, was put into service in January 2014. As of February 5th, 2019 Car #1 had logged 234,997 km.

This year the in car video system is due to be replaced. The unit is 10 years old and replacement parts are no longer available. Cost of the in car video system is approximately \$9,500.

In the fall of 2018, an RFP was released and awarded to Taylor Ford. The delivery date for the vehicle is expected to be April 2019. As a result, the procurement for the purchase and installation of equipment will not be completed until well into the 2019/20 fiscal year.



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: \$49,000 to be carried over into the 2019/2020 Capital Budget. The amount 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 new car has already been released and awarded, and the vehicle has been ordered, cancelling is not a viable option.

ATTACHMENTS: NIL.

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Report and Financial approved by: