



**City of Kingston
Report to Council
Report Number 24-145**

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Brad Joyce, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Transportation & Emergency Services
Resource Staff: Monique Belair, Fire Chief
Date of Meeting: July 9, 2024
Subject: Donation of Retired Rescue Truck

Council Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: 4. Foster a Caring and Inclusive Community

Goal: 4.1 Enhance community safety and well-being.

Executive Summary:

Kingston Fire & Rescue issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase of one Technical Rescue truck as part of the apparatus replacement program. Proposals were received and evaluated, and the City entered into a contract agreement with Safetec Emergency Vehicles Inc. for the purchase of a replacement Technical Rescue truck. This replacement truck is scheduled for delivery in the third quarter of this year, at which point the existing rescue apparatus will become surplus.

To align with Council's strategic plan theme to foster a caring and inclusive community and enhance community safety and well-being, staff would like to donate the surplus Technical Rescue truck that is at the end of its lifecycle to Firefighters Without Borders to help equip an Indigenous community to better respond to emergency incidents and foster the mission of protecting life, property, and the environment.

Recommendation:

That Council approve the donation of Kingston Fire & Rescue's current Technical Rescue truck, a 1994 Pemfab Walk-In Rescue, to Firefighters Without Borders, for the purpose of enhancing emergency response and the protection of life, property, and the environment within an Indigenous community.

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Authorizing Signatures:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY COMMISSIONER

**Brad Joyce, Commissioner,
Infrastructure, Transportation &
Emergency Services**

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY CHIEF

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**Lanie Hurdle, Chief
Administrative Officer**

Consultation with the following Members of the Corporate Management Team:

Paige Agnew, Commissioner, Growth & Development Services	Not required
Jennifer Campbell, Commissioner, Community Services	Not required
Neil Carbone, Commissioner, Corporate Services	Not required
David Fell, President & CEO, Utilities Kingston	Not required
Peter Huigenbos, Commissioner, Major Projects & Strategic Initiatives	Not required
Desirée Kennedy, Chief Financial Officer & City Treasurer	Not required

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Options/Discussion:**Background**

As part of the apparatus replacement program, Kingston Fire & Rescue issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the purchase of one Technical Rescue truck to replace a 1994 Pemfab Walk-In Rescue which is at the end of its lifecycle.

Proposals were received and evaluated, and the City entered into a contract agreement with Safetec Emergency Vehicles Inc. for the purchase of a replacement Technical Rescue truck, scheduled for delivery in the third quarter of this year.

Staff is recommending that the surplus Technical Rescue truck be donated to [Firefighters Without Borders](#) for the purpose of enhancing emergency response and the protection of life, property, and the environment within an Indigenous community. Firefighters Without Borders is a non-profit organization based in Ontario who provide much needed training and equipment from municipalities to communities throughout Canada and in countries around the world. They assist fire departments and volunteers to build capacity and better protect their communities. The charitable organization would respect the City of Kingston's specification that the donated vehicle goes to a Canadian Indigenous community in need.

Indigenization, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility (IIDEA) Considerations

The National Indigenous Fire Safety Council mitigates fire damage to Indigenous communities through education and support. In 2023, Canada's wildfire season consisted of 6,600 wildfires that occurred close to Indigenous communities causing Indigenous populations to be disproportionately harmed.

In Canada, the death rate from house fires within Indigenous communities is 10.2 times higher than in mainstream communities and 90% of these house fires occur in homes that don't have working smoke alarms. Often these communities are economically depressed and there are multiple people living in these homes leading to quicker deterioration of the home and increasing the risk of fire.

Such communities are often more economically depressed and lack available funding to buy smoke alarms and equipment to protect against the threat of fire. The donation of the surplus technical rescue truck would assist with getting required resources to a fire emergency and reduce the threat to life, property, and the environment within the Indigenous community it would serve.

Existing Policy/By-Law

City of Kingston By-Law Number 2022-154, A By-Law to Establish a Procurement Policy for the City of Kingston.

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Kingston Fire & Rescue's Apparatus Replacement Program identified an operational requirement to replace the current Technical Rescue truck as it is at the end of its lifecycle. As part of the 2022 Capital Budget Planning and vehicle replacement schedule, funding was approved to purchase the replacement Technical Rescue truck. In 2019, Kingston Fire & Rescue sold a similar rescue truck on GovDeals for the sum of \$17,000. Donating the Technical Rescue truck to Firefighters Without Borders would not incur any cost to the City but would forgo potential revenue (approximately \$20,000) from sale of the truck.

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Other City of Kingston Staff Consulted:

None

Exhibits Attached:

None