



Administration and Operations Committee Report

To: The Chair and Members of the Administration & Operations Committee

From: Greg Demers, Director of Roads and Fleet

Date: December 20, 2022

Report #: RPT-0539-22

Subject: 2023 Fleet, Scheduled Replacement

Purpose: For Approval

Recommendation

That staff be directed to start the vehicle tender process in advance of the 2023 Budget Deliberations to secure the necessary vehicle and equipment needed to carry out County of Brant (the County) Services. This request includes the purchase of ten (10) vehicles, one (1) loader and one (1) sweeper as previously outlined in the Ten (10) year Capital Fleet Forecast;

And That staff report back to Council for approval of these purchases as required by the County Purchasing Policy

Strategic Plan Priority

Strategic Priority 4 - Reliable Infrastructure

Impacts and Mitigation

Social Impacts

Not having a reliable fleet will impact the ability for staff to service the residents of Brant in a timely manner.

Economic Impacts

The fleet business has changed a lot in the last few years. Traditionally fleet managers worried about escalating costs to keep older high mileage vehicles on the road. Now replacement parts are not always readily available and could cause significant downtime. If a vehicle or piece of equipment that is used frequently is out of service for an extended period, additional vehicles may need to be rented or contractors hired to bridge the gap, and this can also increase un-forecasted expenses. Some types of equipment are always not always available for rent.

The projected cost for acquiring the ten (10) vehicles and two (2) pieces of equipment is \$1,913,000. The current Fleet reserve has sufficient funding to make these purchases.

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Background

The County Fleet Department has been experiencing challenges with supply/delivery of vehicles and equipment for approximately the past 48 months. These challenges are connected but not limited to COVID-19, labour shortages, raw material shortages, electronic component shortages and global conflicts.

Following the 10-year forecast for Fleet replacement, 2023 has identified ten (10) vehicles and two (2) pieces of equipment for replacement as follows:

- two (2) snowplows previously approved for purchase
- three (3) pick-up trucks for Roads
- one (1) loader
- one (1) sweeper
- two (2) vehicles for Environmental Services
- two (2) vehicles for By-Law
- one (1) vehicle for Development Services

Roads is suggesting that the current Sign Truck's useful life be extended until 2025 as the vehicle is in good repair and current replacement costing greatly exceeds what was originally forecasted for replacement dollars at the time of purchase.

A report was approved by Council November 2021 approving staff to direct negotiate for winter equipment for the years 2022 through 2025; this process dealt with large winter equipment shortages recognized early in 2021. By having this approved arrangement in place, the County has been able to keep large winter equipment on a predictable replacement schedule and the above noted snowplows will be purchased in this manner.

The above vehicles and equipment do not take into consideration any additional vehicles or equipment requested through 2023 Decision Packages. If Decision Packages are approved through the budget process Staff will work within the Purchasing By-Law to make the necessary purchases.

Summary and Recommendations

Staff recommend the remaining vehicles and equipment for the 2023 tender process be initiated in advance of budget deliberations to ensure timely replacement of County resources.

Attachments

None

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By-law and/or Agreement

By-law Required	No
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk	No