



POSTPONED MOTIONS: ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

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REQUESTED BY:	Mayor Nolan Crouse
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DIRECTOR APPROVAL (if not author):	
GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:	DB – June 28, 2017
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE APPROVAL:	Acting AV – June 28, 2017
CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:	<i>for Sale June 29/17</i>

MOTION:

Delay FIRE – 016 (Fire Aerial) by 3 years

RESPONSE (one page max.):

Administration's Understanding of Intent Motion:

It is Administrations understanding that this motion if passed is intended to move the Fire Aerial apparatus from 2019 to 2022.

Operational or Organizational Impacts if Motion is Approved:

There would be no organizational, staffing, or workload impacts should the motion be approved.

Operationally there would be no impacts, provided the second Aerial (49-14) functions properly (note background).

Financial Implications of Motions:

The original price for 49-17 (new Aerial) in 2015 was \$1,468,000.00 (CAD). Based on an industry standard of 3.5% per year, a new Aerial unit in 2019 would be \$1,684,564.00 (CAD). In 2022 the unit would cost \$1,867,706.00 (CAD). The difference is \$183,142.00 (CAD).

Stakeholder Consultations:

N/A

Background:

With St. Albert's increasing population, along with new and proposed High Rise and Wide Rise buildings, two Aerial units are required for the City. According to the Fire Underwriters Survey, St. Albert can improve its Public Fire Protection Classification (PFPC) grade by enhancing its fire prevention programs (the City has added one additional staff member) and providing additional front-line and backup/reserve fire apparatus. Other mid-size communities (Airdrie, Grande Prairie, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer) all have two Aerial units.

On November 28, 2016, Council approved the keeping of 49-14, increasing the number of St. Albert Fire Services (SAFS) in-service Aerial units to two.

The concern is how reliable and effective this unit will be in the coming years.

Since its delivery in 2009, 49-14 has had numerous service issues. Between July 2012 and October 2014, the unit was out of service and was unavailable to respond to emergencies approximately 70% of the time. In 2015, it was out of service 95% of the time.

Since the decision was made by Council to keep 49-14, it has been working well. The recent fire in Fort McMurray is evidence of this. It performed very well throughout the disaster and helped save many structures. Since the Fort McMurray fire, it has worked favorably for the SAFS.