



CITY OF ST. ALBERT ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUNDER

TITLE: Aerial Fire Truck

On October 3, 2016 Councillor Huhges provided notice in accordance with Section 23 of Procedure Bylaw 35/2009 that she intended to bring forward the proposed motion below.

In order for Council to debate the motion, the motion must be formally moved.

That the decision to sell the current Ariel fire truck upon delivery of the new fire truck is discontinued and that it is used as a back-up to the new fire truck, and that administration provides council with an update on the current fire truck performance in early 2018.

BACKGROUND:

On July 13, 2015 Council approved the purchase of a replacement aerial unit (Motion C37-2015). The need for the replacement truck was due to the unreliability of the aerial purchased in 2009. The 2009 aerial, Unit 49-14, has a long history of being unreliable and out of service over the previous six-years. The July 13, 2016 agenda report indicated that once the new replacement unit arrived and staffed were trained, 49-14 would be sold. It was estimated that the re-sale value of 49-14 could be as high as \$500,000.

To retain 49-14 as a back-up unit, the annual operational expenses of \$40,000 would be realized. This does not include any replacement dollars for the unit and at some future point in time, if this unit was sold, there would be no funds allocated in the Equipment Mobile Replacement Reserve for its replacement. As the unit ages its re-sale value will likely decline as well.

The frequency and duration of out of service incidents since 2015 is lower than the previous years, however some ongoing maintenance problems remain. There continues to be coolant and radiator issues (5 repairs in 2015, 3 repairs in 2016), a couple of sensor issues in each year, starter issues and battery issues. It should be noted that 49-14 functioned very well during the Fort McMurray fires (period of 24 days non-stop operation) however was out of service for about six weeks following this incident for several different maintenance issues.

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