



**CITY OF HAMILTON**  
**HEALTHY AND SAFE COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENT**  
**Hamilton Fire Department**

<b>TO:</b>	Chairs and Members Healthy and Safe Communities Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	March 26, 2018
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Donation of Declared Surplus Fire Apparatus (HSC18013) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Paul Johnson General Manager Healthy and Safe Communities Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) That the donation of one surplus fire apparatus (Tanker 25 - City #350434), a 1997 Freightliner 3 - person, commercial cab vehicle with a 1,350 gallon water tank and a 420 gallon per minute pump) from the Hamilton Fire Department to Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation community be approved;
- (b) That the donation of one surplus fire apparatus (Tanker 16 - City #350444), a 1997 Freightliner 3 - person, commercial cab vehicle with a 1,350 gallon water tank and a 420 gallon per minute pump) from the Hamilton Fire Department to Couchiching First Nation community be approved; and,
- (c) That the Fire Chief or his designate be authorized and directed to execute all necessary documents to implement recommendations (a) and (b);

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On April 25, 2016, the Emergency and Community Services Committee provided the following direction:

“That the General Manager of Community & Emergency Services be directed to report back to Emergency and Community Services Committee regarding opportunities (both domestic and international, and including all associated costs) when dispossessing 'end-of-life cycle' vehicle assets that belong to the City of Hamilton”.

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The Hamilton Fire Department is recommending the donation of two surplus fire apparatus (fire trucks formerly known as Tanker 25 and Tanker 16) as per the Procurement Policy #16 – Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Goods. The proposed donation of a surplus fire truck to the governing body of an Indigenous Community is seen as consistent with the donation of a non-profit agency as set out in Procurement Policy #16.

Tanker 25 (City #350434) and Tanker 16 (City #350444); both 1997 Freightliner 3-person, commercial cab vehicles with a 1,350 gallon water tank and a 420 gallon per minute pump, have been declared surplus as both vehicles have served their full life cycle of front-line service (20 years) within the Hamilton Fire Department.

Recently, the Ontario Chief Coroner announced that an investigation will be taking place as a result of dozens of residential fires in Indigenous Communities that have killed nearly 60 people in just over a decade.

Previously, concerns have been raised by Six Nations Fire Chief (who is also the president of the Ontario Native Fire Fighters Society) relative to the adequacy of First Nations fire protection levels.

With these issues in mind, contact was made with the Program Manager with the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal. The Program Manager has responsibility for the Northern Ontario Fire Protection Program that oversees fire protection for many First Nations communities in northern Ontario. During these discussions, it was determined that many First Nations communities have a great need for fire apparatus to be able to provide fire protection services however they do not have the funding to be able to acquire them. The Program Manager approached the Operations Manager of the Ontario Fire Nations Technical Services Corporation to determine if there would be a couple of First Nations communities that would be interested in accepting a donated fire truck and be able to put the vehicle into service to benefit their community. Through the assistance of the Operations Manager, interested First Nations communities were identified.

Once this information was received, ongoing consultation with the Senior Project Manager of the City of Hamilton's Urban Indigenous Strategy took place and profiles of the two communities were put together:

The Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation is an Anishinaabe community located in northwestern Ontario, approximately 40 kms east of Fort Frances. Having a total population of 372 citizens, Nigigoonsiminikaaning consists of three reserves/settlements which are located on the south shore of Red Gut Bay in Northeast Rainy Lake. The First Nation is a member of the Grand Council of Treaty #3. The First Nation has its own voluntary organizations, including a Volunteer Fire Department, Recreation, Education, Housing and Economic Development committees. The Band Administration services the

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community in the areas of community health, education, social services, policing, housing and economic development. The governance of Nigigoonsiminikaaning First Nation is made up of the Chief and three Councillors.

Couchiching First Nation is an Anishinaabe community located just 4 kms east of Fort Frances on Highway 11 in northwestern Ontario. Couchiching has a population of 2,552 citizens and is one of the largest of the 28 First Nations within the Grand Council Treaty #3. The First Nation's administration oversees a number of facilities and services including administrative buildings, land fill, arena and gym, road maintenance, social services and education programs and services. The Chief and six Councillors govern the operations and administration of Couchiching First Nation.

With the approval of the recommendations, and the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation, staff will advise the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal of the City's intent to move forward with the donation. Once this has occurred, the City will then contact the leaders of the two First Nation communities to inform them of the City's desire to donate a fire truck (one to each community) and to begin working out the details relative to the donations.

#### **Alternatives for Consideration – See Page 5**

#### **FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

##### **Financial:**

By donating the vehicles, the potential revenue of \$15,000 - \$20,000 (estimated value per truck) will not be realized. Additionally, there is the potential for some travel costs, for Fire Department personnel to deliver the fire apparatus to the two communities. These costs will be absorbed within the 2018 Fire Department Operating Budget.

##### **Staffing:**

There are no staffing implications associated with Report HSC18013

##### **Legal:**

The donation of the vehicles will require City staff to follow the applicable legislative requirements for the transfer of vehicles.

#### **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Hamilton Fire Department maintain a fleet of front-line apparatus for a period of 20 years after which they are determined to have served their full life cycle and are declared surplus.

All surplus and obsolete vehicles are typically disposed of through public auction. Following consultation with the Program Manager with the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal it was identified that many First Nations communities have a great need for fire apparatus to be able to provide fire protection services however they do not have the funding necessary to acquire them. Concerns have also been raised by Six Nations Fire Chief (who is also the president of the Ontario Native Fire Fighters Society) relative to the adequacy of First Nations fire protection levels.

The City of Hamilton has previously donated a surplus fire truck to the community of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec following the devastating train derailment that occurred there in July of 2013.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS**

Procurement Policy #16 – Disposal of Surplus and Obsolete Goods. The provisions of the Policy are being followed to allow the donation to take place in a manner similar to item 2(d) - donation to a non-profit agency. Donation of vehicles to First Nation Communities as recommended is consistent with policy.

## **RELEVANT CONSULTATION**

Corporate Services, Procurement Section – Consultation with Procurement staff regarding the interpretation and application of Procurement Policy.

Corporate Services, Legal Services Division – Legal Services was consulted on this report and their input has been incorporated into this report.

Office of the Fire Marshal - Consultation with the Program Manager with the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal who has responsibility for the Northern Ontario Fire Protection Program that oversees fire protection for many First Nations communities in northern Ontario.

City of Hamilton Urban Indigenous Strategy Senior Project Manager - Consultation was held to assist in the selection of First Nation Communities most in need of fire apparatus.

## **ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Following consultation with the Program Manager with the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal it was identified that many First Nations communities have a great need for fire apparatus to be able to provide fire protection services, however, they do not have the funding necessary to acquire them.

Recognizing some of the national issues that impact indigenous communities including fire protection, this donation of fire apparatus is needed by the identified communities and strengthens the City of Hamilton's relationship within the indigenous community.

### **ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION**

The alternative to the recommended approach is to process all surplus and obsolete vehicles for disposal through public auction.

Financial Implications: The potential revenue of \$15,000 - \$20,000 (estimated value per truck) will accrue to the City budget.

Staffing Implications: There are no staffing implications associated with this alternative.

Legal Implications: There are no legal implications associated with this alternative.

### **ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**

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### **APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES**

None