



## INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	September 10, 2020
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Parts (SCBA) Parts Shortage Update (HSC20025(a)) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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### COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not Applicable

### INFORMATION

On June 19, 2020, the Hamilton Fire Department (HFD) committed to reporting back to Committee concerning the ongoing Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) end of life replacement/change out program (Report HSC20025).

The last major changeout of this SCBA occurred approximately 15 years ago and the current SCBA equipment is at end of life and in need of replacement/change out by early 2021. This is being further compounded by a parts scarcity that is impacting the HFD's ability to maintain the SCBA units in an operational condition. The SCBA is one of the primary pieces of personal protective equipment that firefighters wear any time they are entering an environment that may be contaminated or involved in firefighting operations.

The HFD can report that due to the efforts of the Department's Breathing Apparatus Technician, support from the City's Procurement Section and HFD Administration Staff, the HFD has been able to secure a sufficient source of reusable SCBA parts and several used SCBA Units. This successful outcome is directly tied to the Policy 11 that

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was approved previously by the General Manager that enabled the HFD to discuss the issue of replacement parts/leasing SCBA Units directly with both SCOTT Aviation 3M and M&L Supply Fire & Safety. Having these parts now in place will allow the HFD to maintain its current inventory of SCBA and continue to work towards the planned replacement/change out.

As it relates to the SCBA end of life replacement/change out program, the HFD has decided to follow a competitive open market process which is being undertaken with the support of the Procurement Section. At this point in time the HFD continues to work with Procurement Staff on the development of the Request for Proposals (RFP) document and anticipates the document to be ready for release come Fall 2020. This follows approximately 30 plus years of the HFD being solely standardized to SCOTT and having a healthy and supportive relationship over that time. However, an open market process will ensure due diligence given the nature, size and scope of this replacement.

The HFD is currently working with Corporate Finance on the 2021 capital budget submission and the intention is to have this new procurement contract awarded once the 2021 Capital Budget is approved. The SCBA change out/replacement program will then be scheduled for replacement/change in early 2021.

This planned approach will allow the HFD to be positioned in a state of operational readiness concerning the use of this vital piece of Personnel Protective Equipment.

**APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED**

None