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Town of Burlington, Town Hall Annex
Capital Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Committee members present: Gary Kasky, Gary Mercier, Salvana Shakaib, Margarita Prajapati, Myrna Saltman, Ernest Zabolotny, Mark Woods

Presenters: Fire Chief Andrew Connerty and Assistant Chief Steven McClean

Chief Connerty provided an update on communications infrastructure enhancements. Phase I and Phase II have been completed which include adding antennas within the town to mitigate dead spots of radio communications.

Department 220 – Fire: Aerial Tower Truck

The current aerial truck has extensive rust damage, which is affecting the ability to operate the vehicle, and needs to be replaced. Lead time for a new aerial truck is three years. The CBC agrees that support for replacing this vehicle also demonstrates to the commercial segment of taxpayers in Burlington that we are committed to providing the Burlington Fire Department with equipment needed for these buildings. Project cost \$2,000,000. CBC voted 7-0-0 in favor.

Department 220 – Fire: Ambulance

The request is to replace the current ambulance with a new front-line ambulance. The current ambulance will be reassigned as a backup, with the third ambulance held in reserve should Ambulance I or Ambulance II be out of service due to repair or scheduled maintenance. The benefit is to ensure the Fire Department can meet demand and not lose revenue due to downtime. Project cost \$485,000. CBC voted 7-0-0 in favor.

Department 220 – Fire: Utility Pick-up Truck

Current pick-up truck has rust resulting in issues with the handling and safety of operating this vehicle. The new pick-up truck being requested would have an appropriate utility body to carry the tools for fleet repair and maintenance. This will provide a quicker response capability to emergency scenarios where apparatus is operating and may need immediate repair. Project cost \$110,000. CBC voted 6-0-1 in favor.

Department 220 – Fire: Bird Netting

The need for this item is to exclude birds from nesting in the fire department garages. Birds have been nesting in various bays and their droppings are a health and safety risk to members of the Fire Department. The netting will stop bird droppings on the trucks, firefighters' lockers, firefighters and mechanic's gear and tools. Other types of mitigation such as electric tape, and spikes have not worked. Project cost \$23,120. CBC voted 7-0-0 in favor.

Meeting adjourned 8:15PM

Submitted- Mark Woods, Chairperson, CBC

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