

DATE: March 11, 2021 File No.

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Doug Leahy, CFO

RE: Fire Department Pumper Truck Loan Authorization Bylaw 1403

RATIONALE:

To purchase a Pumper Truck for the Oliver Fire Department.

OPTIONS:

1. That Council give first three readings to Fire Department Pumper Truck Loan Authorization Bylaw 1403; and
That Council direct staff to forward Fire Department Pumper Truck Loan Authorization Bylaw 1403 to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval; and
That Council direct staff to obtain elector assent through the Alternate Approval Process as required by Section 86 of the *Community Charter*.
2. That Council refer back to staff for additional information.
3. That Council does not proceed with the purchase of a Pumper Truck for the Oliver Fire Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council read the Fire Department Pumper Truck Loan Authorization Bylaw 1403 a first, second and third time; and

That Council direct staff to forward Fire Department Pumper Truck Loan Authorization Bylaw 1403 to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval; and

That Council direct staff to obtain elector assent through the Alternate Approval Process as required by Section 86 of the *Community Charter*.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

An Alternative Approval Process (AAP) enables local governments to directly engage citizens about a proposed bylaw intended to undertake long-term borrowing. Eligible electors (residents and non-residents) have at least 30 days from the publication of the second notice to submit elector response forms to the Corporate Officer during an APP. When 10%, or more, of the eligible electors sign and submit response forms, the local government cannot proceed with the matter proposed in the bylaw without first holding an assent voting event; the assent voting must be held within 80 days of the deadline established for the AAP.

Local governments must plan and prepare for a number of factors (e.g. information-sharing, general timing, determining the number of eligible electors, notices and type of response forms to use) and make certain decisions in order to successfully implement an AAP. All of the elements are best considered collectively to identify the implications or impacts one may have on another, rather than working through each element or decision in isolation.

Staff will prepare elements for Council's consideration and bring forward for consideration on approval of the borrowing bylaw by the Inspector of Municipalities.

General:

Organizational:

Financial:

The Pumper Truck will be financed from the Municipal Finance Authority over a 20 year period. The current interest rates for borrowings of this length is 2.29%. Debt servicing is estimated to be \$26,000.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Community Charter Section 179 (Long Term Borrowing), Section 86 (Alternative Approval Process)

Strategic Plan:

Safety and Security

BACKGROUND:

The Oliver Fire Department is replacing an existing pumper truck that has reached the end of its useful life. The existing truck is 20 years old and is scheduled to be replaced. Within the 2021 Capital Budget the replacement of the fire truck was included at a total cost of \$800,000.

The Oliver Fire Protection District has agreed to fund a portion of the truck which will equate to approximately \$400,000. Therefore the Town will be financing the balance of the purchase price of the pumper truck. Chief Graham has been in contact with the suppliers of pumper trucks and it is estimated that delivery of the truck will not occur until 2022. Whichever manufacturer is chosen will require a deposit prior to commencing the building of the chassis of the truck. The amount of the deposit will be dependent upon the manufacturer.

PUBLIC PROCESS:

The Alternate Approval Process will be utilized to garner public support for the purchase of the Pumper Truck.

CAO COMMENTS:



Concur with recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer.

Respectfully Submitted:



Doug Leahy, CPA, CMA
Chief Financial Officer

Approved By:

Diane Vaykovich, Corporate Officer
Cathy Cowan, Chief Administrative Officer

Department: Status:

Administration Approved - 15 Mar 2021
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Attachments:

[1403 Fire - Pumper Truck Loan Authorization Bylaw](#)

TOWN OF OLIVER
BYLAW NO. 1403

A Bylaw to authorize borrowing for a Fire Truck for the Oliver Fire Department

WHEREAS pursuant to section 179 of the *Community Charter* it is deemed desirable and expedient to purchase a fire pumper truck for the Oliver Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS the amount of debt created by this bylaw is \$400,000;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Town of Oliver in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The Council is hereby empowered and authorized to borrow, from time to time, upon the credit of the Town a sum or sums not exceeding \$400,000 for the purpose of the acquisition of a fire pumper truck and to do all things necessary in connection therewith and without limiting the generality of the foregoing:
2. The maximum term for which debentures may be issued to secure the debt authorized by this bylaw is 20 years.
3. The Town is authorized to enter into agreements, debt instruments and other documentation providing for the borrowing of all or a portion of the debt authorized by this bylaw and the Mayor and Corporate Officer are authorized to execute and affix the corporate seal to all such documentation.
4. This bylaw may be cited as "Fire Department Pumper Truck Loan Authorization Bylaw 1403".

Read a first, second and third time on the day of , 2021.

Received the approval of the Inspector of Municipalities on the day of , 2021.

Received assent of the electors under Section 86 of the *Community Charter* this day of , 2021.

Adopted on the day of , 2021.

Mayor

Corporate Officer