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Subject: Proposal for the Purchase of a Honda 1000cc Forest Unit for the Clare Firefighters Association

Stephane Cyr here is the proposal that we spoke about, please add this to your agenda to be presented on Sept 4 2024.

Proposal for the Purchase of a Honda 1000cc Forest Unit for the Clare Firefighters Association

Date: Aug 28 2024 To: Clare Municipal Council From: Clare Firefighters Association (CFFA) Subject: Proposal for Funding the Purchase of a Honda 1000cc Forest Unit

Introduction

The Clare Firefighters Association (CFFA) is seeking full municipal funding for the acquisition of a Honda 1000cc Forest unit to enhance our firefighting and rescue capabilities. This versatile vehicle will support our efforts in both wildfire suppression and emergency rescue operations, significantly improving our response efficiency and safety.

Vehicle and Accessory Costs

- Honda 1000cc Forest Unit: \$29,309
- Discount from Honda Canada: -\$1,000

- Subtotal (Vehicle): \$28,309
- Accessories:
- Windshield: \$1,500
- Roof: \$1,281
- Auxiliary Lighting Kit: \$350
- Wiper Kit: \$870
- Wiring Kit: \$550
- MTS 102 Stretcher Slide-In: \$5,188
- Roof Rack: \$180
- Honda 2-Inch Suction Kit: \$905
- 31-Inch Tires Upgrade: \$1,500
- Subtotal (Accessories): \$12,324
- Training for 14 Firefighters: \$2,100
- Trailer for Transport: \$5,100
- Insurance (Unit): \$1,760 per year
- Insurance (Trailer): \$214 per year
- Contingency for Emergency Lighting & Labelling: \$5,000
- Taxes: 15% GST

Total Cost Estimate

- Subtotal for Vehicle and Accessories: \$40,633.00
- Training, Trailer, Insurance, Contingency: \$14,174.00
- Estimated Total: \$54,807.00 + GST

Justification

1. Enhanced Firefighting Capabilities: The Honda 1000cc Forest unit is essential for effective wildfire management and rescue operations. Its rugged design and high ground clearance will allow access to challenging terrain that conventional vehicles cannot navigate.
2. Safety and Efficiency: Equipped with advanced accessories and training, this unit will significantly improve our response time and operational safety, directly benefiting our community.
3. Training and Certification: Proper training for 14 firefighters ensures that some of our personnel are fully qualified to operate the unit safely and effectively, optimizing its utility and reducing risks.
4. Transport and Insurance: The trailer will facilitate safe transportation of the unit, while the insurance coverage ensures protection against potential risks.
5. Contingency Funds: The allocated contingency for emergency lighting and labelling ensures that the unit will be fully equipped and make it safer for our crews to work around.

Storage Recommendation

Following a lot of discussion at the CFFA meetings and some special meetings a vote by all Chiefs or their representatives, which was done by email, the recommended storage location for the new unit and trailer is Little Brook Fire Hall. This site has been identified by the Chiefs as the optimal location for operational efficiency and response readiness.

Request for Funding

We respectfully request that the municipality fully fund this purchase to enhance the safety and effectiveness of our firefighting and rescue operations. The total cost estimate, excluding taxes, is \$54,807.00.

This investment will greatly benefit the Clare community and beyond and ensure we are well-equipped to handle emergency situations.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. We are confident that this unit will provide invaluable support in our mission to protect and serve the community.

Sincerely,

Dave Doucette

President Clare Firefighters Association

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