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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 10
COUNCIL MEETING 86/02/10

RE: DICTAPHONE RECORDING EQUIPMENT (SERIES 4000)

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. *THAT the recommendation of the Fire Chief be adopted.*

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TO: DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE & FIRE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY SERVICES 1986 FEBRUARY 04

FROM: FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: DICTAPHONE RECORDING EQUIPMENT (SERIES 4000)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council authorize the release of approximately \$30,000 from the 1986 Provisional Capital Budget prior to Annual Budget approval in order to acquire a new emergency telephone recording unit.

BACKGROUND:

The Fire Department, like most emergency services, uses recording equipment to record incoming emergency calls.

The existing unit was acquired from the R.C.M. Police some eight years ago, when after six years in service there it could no longer meet the needs of the Detachment.

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As a result of numerous breakdowns and related problems we requested the supplier to assess the condition and expected life span of our current unit. He advised that this model was 14 years old and replacement components were discontinued and scarce.

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In 1985 we required 10 service calls for various reasons to keep the unit operating. At this time 50% of the unit is non-serviceable and replacement parts are not available. Considering the nature of its use, and the need for playback of incoming emergency calls for vital information from time to time, we are of the view that replacement is required on an urgent basis. Recording of all data relating to our operations is imperative in light of current trends demanding proof of actions taken during response to emergencies, and other Departmental involvement in criminal, and civil investigation and litigation.

Sufficient funds were provided in the 1986 Provisional Budget to replace the total unit. Council's authorization to release funds prior to Annual Budget approval is requested. The total cost is approximately \$30,000.


Chief H.O. Brown
FIRE CHIEF

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