

**TO:** CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE

July 31, 2000

**SUBJECT:** REPLACEMENT OF CATCH BASIN CLEANER

**PURPOSE:** To obtain approval to purchase one catch basin cleaning truck.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **THAT** a purchase order be issued to Vimar Equipment Ltd., for the supply and delivery of one only 2001 Sterling cab and chassis c/w a 2000 Vactor CB 2110 catch basin cleaning body for a total cost of \$271,795.35

**REPORT**


In the fall of 1998, the Municipal Fleet Operators group, which represents Lower Mainland Cities and Municipalities, conducted field tests for catch basin cleaners and the Vactor unit was found to be superior to all others tested. In 1997, the City of Vancouver purchased one Vactor and one unit from another manufacturer for long term field testing. The Vactor was found to be much superior and in 1999 Vancouver purchased three more Vactors. Delta and Williams Lake have recently purchased Vactors as a result of the field tests and Vancouver's experience. The Supervisor Shops & Equipment advises that the Vactor unit will provide the best value for the City.

Vimar Machinery Ltd. is the local supplier for Vactor. Staff have checked costs with neighbouring municipalities and the recommended unit compares favorably to recent purchases.

The recommended unit will be replacing a 1987 Ford/Camel unit which will be sold at auction upon receipt of the new unit.

Sufficient reserve funds are available and the acquisition is included in the 2000 Engineering Vehicle component of the 2000-2004 Capital Program, however the total cost exceeds the budgeted amount by approximately \$12,000.00. Expenditures will be reduced elsewhere to ensure the 2000 Capital Spending Limit is not exceeded.

The Director Engineering concurs with the above recommendation.

  
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DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc. Director Engineering