

TO: CITY MANAGER
DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

FROM: OIC RCMP BURNABY DETACHMENT

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF THE BURNABY EMERGENCY MOBILE COMMAND UNIT

PURPOSE: To seek Council authorization to replace the City of Burnaby's Emergency Mobile Command Unit.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council authorize an expenditure of \$287,300 for the replacement of the Burnaby Emergency Mobile Command Unit.

REPORT

The Burnaby Emergency Mobile Command Unit is a 1992 Mallard Class "A" 34 foot custom built motor home. In the past 11 years, the Burnaby Emergency Mobile Command Unit has served the City well, having been utilized as a staging area for the RCMP Emergency Response Team and Negotiators. It has been used by investigators at crime scenes as an office and briefing area. It has also been used for Site Security at police incidents and community events such as the Hats Off Day Parade, Kensington Days, Concerts in the Park, 24 Hour Relay and Discovery Days. The Mobile Command Unit is also designed to act as a temporary alternate Communications Centre and a temporary Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) should the need arise due to a major disaster.

The vehicle is now scheduled for replacement. A review was conducted to determine the best type of replacement unit to meet the needs of the City. After considerable research it was concluded that the Emergency Mobile Command Unit should be replaced with a 32 foot, fifth-wheel trailer and a four-wheel-drive truck unit. The trailer will be capable of operating independently when the truck is detached. The truck could then be utilized for transporting personnel and equipment. The truck will be equipped with a power generator, allowing for lighting at crime scenes or night events. The complete Mobile Command Unit will offer greater utility, require less maintenance and provide a better platform for an Emergency Incident Command Post. The estimated life of this new Mobile Command Unit is in excess of 15 years.

Intercontinental Truck Body (BC) Inc. (ITB) has been identified as the preferred contractor with the required expertise in building this type of vehicle. The company also has a proven track record in providing custom service vehicles for other City departments, Fire, Engineering and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. The replacement will include:

A custom built 32 foot fifth-wheel trailer	\$159,750
A Ford F550 Crew Cab Flat Deck Truck (with cabinets & generator)	\$ 50,725
Communications and lighting equipment for trailer and truck	<u>\$ 49,525</u>
	\$287,300

FINANCING:

Sufficient General Revenue Funds are available for the purchase of the three ton truck and sufficient Vehicle Replacement Reserves are available for the replacement of the Emergency Mobile Command Unit including both trailer and equipment. These expenditures in the amount of \$260,000 are included in the 2003 RCMP - Vehicle component of the 2003-2007 Capital Program. Appropriate budget adjustments will be made to secure the additional funds and to ensure that the 2003 capital spending limit is not exceeded. It is recommended that Council authorize an expenditure of \$287,300 for the replacement of the City of Burnaby's Emergency Mobile Command Unit.



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