

TO: CITY MANAGER

2003 MAY 27

FROM: FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: 2003 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw to finance the replacement of the Automatic External Defibrillators and the UHF and VHF frequency portable and mobile radio equipment.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council bring down a Capital Reserve Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$225,610.00 (inclusive of 7% GST) to finance the replacement of the Automatic External Defibrillators and the UHF and VHF frequency portable and mobile radio equipment.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

The following projects are included within the 2003 Capital Budget.

Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's)

The Department was made aware in 2003 by industry representatives that they could not guarantee the ability to service our current defibrillators starting in 2004. At this time parts are scarce and servicing is difficult. The units have been in service since 1994. The British Columbia Ambulance Service has recently completed a replacement program of their own. This has resulted in a situation where our equipment is no longer interchangeable with theirs. The data recording formats and peripheral equipment are different. This expenditure will provide for the replacement of the old defibrillators with the newest technology and restore the seamless interchangeability of data and peripheral equipment with other medical emergency service providers.

UHF/VHF frequency portable and mobile radio equipment

Information was received in 2001 regarding Industry Canada's Radio Spectrum Redeployment Plan for land mobile radio communication systems operating in the frequency range 100-500 Mhz. As of January 1, 2004 radio users will no longer have a protected radio frequency. This expenditure will allow for the replacement of all portable and mobile radio equipment that has been identified as not compatible with Industry Canada's Radio Spectrum Redeployment requirements.

2.0 FINANCING

Sufficient capital reserves are available and the following projects are included within the 2003 Fire Equipment component of the 2003 - 2007 Annual Capital Program. The following costs are net of 4% GST rebate.

Automatic External Defibrillators	110,000.00
UHF/VHF Frequency Portable Mobile Radio Equipment	<u>107,730.00</u>
Net Cost	\$ 217,730.00

3.0 CONCLUSION

Council is requested to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$225,610.00 (inclusive of 7% GST) to finance the automatic external defibrillators and UHF/VHF frequency portable and mobile radio equipment replacements.


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