
TO: CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2006 June 14

FROM: FIRE CHIEF

SUBJECT: 2006 CAPITAL PROJECTS

PURPOSE: To obtain Council approval to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw to finance the purchase and installation of equipment to monitor and record the three UHF tactical radio channels assigned to the Fire Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$133,750 (inclusive of 7% G.S.T.) to finance the project identified in this Report.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

The following project is included within the 2006 Capital Budget.

Monitoring and recording of UHF tactical radio channels

In 2003, the Fire Department applied for and was granted access to two (2) Ultra High Frequency (UHF) radio channels.

UHF radio channels provide a very limited range of communication, with most communications restricted to the general area of the incident. Every firefighter carries a portable UHF radio (working channel), which allows for the relaying of essential information at the scene of an emergency and prevents unnecessary radio transmission over our main VHF radio channel.

Due to safety concerns, possible liability, and to ensure that vital information is relayed in a timely manner, the Fire Department is requesting that the Ultra High Frequency (UHF) radio channels be monitored and recorded through the fire dispatch centre.

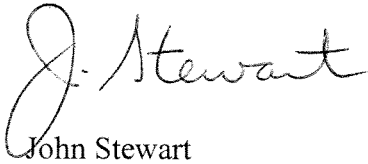
2.0 FINANCING

Sufficient Capital Reserves are available, and this project is included within the 2006-2010 Provisional Capital Program. This project is being advanced for consideration as part of the 2006 Annual Capital Program.

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3.0 CONCLUSION

Council is requested to bring down a Capital Reserves Expenditure Bylaw in the amount of \$133,750 (inclusive of 7% G.S.T.) to finance the purchase and installation of equipment required to monitor and record UHF tactical radio channels, within the Fire Department.



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