

**Subject:** Rescue Truck Donation

**Recommendation:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2022-0050 – Rescue Truck Donation, for information;**

**AND THAT Council approve the donation of Rescue Vehicle 02-219 to the Community of Little Burnt Bay, Newfoundland.**

**Background:** The rescue vehicle (02-219), utilized by Pelham Fire Department at Station #1 since 2001, has failed to pass the requirements for annual inspection for 2022, as required in the Province of Ontario. The rescue was inspected and evaluated by the Town of Pelham fleet mechanic, and a recommendation to Council to replace the current rescue vehicle was made. The 2022 capital budget approved by Council included the replacement of the rescue. The current rescue vehicle manufactured in 2001 will be decommissioned **on February 28, 2022.**

The Niagara Regional Fire Chief's Association has established contacts with fire departments across Canada and provides donations of equipment and gear to smaller rural communities when possible. The Town of Pelham last directly participated in the program when it donated a decommissioned Pumper Truck, supplied to Bearskin Lake, Ontario, in 2016.

This report is written in support of making a donation to a community in Newfoundland that with a population of under 300 people, realistically cannot afford to purchase this equipment in either new or used condition.

**Analysis:** The Town of Pelham has the opportunity to participate in the Niagara Regional Fire Chief's Association practice of supporting rural and/or underfunded Fire Services with the decommissioned rescue vehicle (02-219). The rescue vehicle was manufactured in 2001. The community of Little Burnt Bay, Newfoundland, has requested the decommissioned rescue vehicle. Little Burnt Bay is a small coastal community with a population of 281, based on 2016 statistics. Representatives from Little Burnt Bay will travel to Pelham, receive the rescue in current condition, and transport the vehicle to Newfoundland. Through the fire services network in Niagara,

additional support will be provided with the rescue vehicle and includes donations of; bunker gear, fire helmets, SCBA equipment and hoses.

### **Financial Considerations:**

There are no direct costs to the Town of Pelham resulting from the donation of the current rescue vehicle. The Fire Services of Little Burnt Bay, Newfoundland, are responsible for the vehicle's transportation and any associated future costs. The opportunity cost of this donation is to essentially forego any revenue from auctioning off the vehicle, which is estimated to be worth between \$2,000 - \$3,000.

### **Alternatives Reviewed:**

The rescue could be sold instead of donating through the Niagara Regional Chief's Association. The current market value for the 21-year-old rescue vehicle is estimated at \$2,000 - \$3,000. The value of this vehicle to the community of Little Burnt Bay will greatly exceed this amount of money.

### **Strategic Plan Relationship: Communication and Engagement**

This donation is in keeping with the generosity of community spirit in Pelham, ON. While the vehicle in question has diminished capacity, it has some remaining utility and will offer improved safety to its new community.

### **Consultation:**

CAO Cribbs, Treasure Quinlin, Town mechanic, Director of Public works, regional fire chiefs.

### **Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:**

None.

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