

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Fire Department

Date: November 19, 2024

Subject: Fire Smart Structure Protection Trailer

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council awards the contract for the purchase of the Structure Protection Unit Trailer to Kitt Equipment Ltd. for a total of \$29,105.11 plus GST;

AND that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the purchase and any documentation related.

BACKGROUND:

On September 23, 2024, Council approved the application of \$400,000 over two years, to the 2025 Community Resiliency Investment (CRI) funding stream through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). On November 6, 2024, the District of Mackenzie was awarded funding for the requested \$400,000 over two years.

As part of the 2023 CRI Grant, the District of Mackenzie (District) committed to building another Structure Protection Unit (SPU) that will always stay in the community to protect Infrastructure and residences within the local boundaries. Under the 2025 CRI Grant, the District will need to purchase more equipment, including an enclosed trailer to house the equipment. Funds for this project have been approved in the CRI grant for up to \$100,000 to be spent over two years.

As the 2025 capital budget discussions are not scheduled to take place until the new year, and the project is not included in the Financial Plan Bylaw, staff are requesting advanced approval for the purchase of the trailer as it is required to be ordered and has a delivery time of up to 4 months. The Fire Department would like to ensure that the equipment arrives before the start of the 2025 wildfire season.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$29,105.11 would be allocated from the 2025 CRI grant to support the recommendation.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

Strong Governance and Finances

- As the municipality's elected governing body, we serve all residents and businesses in the community. We engage residents and stakeholders on important issues and make our decisions through open and transparent processes. We are careful in our use of resources, mindful of the need to maintain programs and services, while also meeting the community's infrastructure needs.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jamie Guise, Fire Chief

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer