

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Operations

Date: January 7, 2024

Subject: DOM 25-1 Fork Attachment Replacement for Loader

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council awards the purchase of a Fork Attachment to Nors Construction Equipment Canada GW Ltd in the amount of \$16,010 plus GST.

BACKGROUND:

The District's existing Forks attachment is used for unloading and loading equipment/supplies from delivery trucks, as well as moving equipment/supplies around the public works yard. The Forks have been previously repaired, and each time is degrading the integrity of the equipment. Following a safety inspection in November 2024, deficiencies were brought forward to staff's attention and the equipment was tagged out of service due to safety concerns. Since that time, there has been no forklift to handle materials, supplies or equipment that need to be moved, loaded or unloaded.

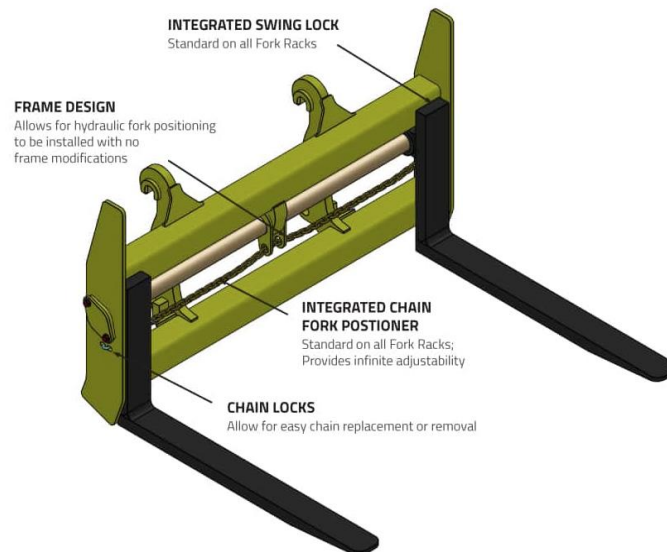
The District would need to purchase as soon as possible to ensure that unloading and loading of equipment/supplies can be done using proper safety measures.

SUMMARY:

This replacement is not identified on Schedule D of the 5-year financial plan, so staff are requesting pre-approval from Council to purchase the fork attachment before staff enter into provisional capital budget discussions later this month. If staff wait until the provisional capital budget is approved in early February, then there is no way of loading/unloading heavy materials, and a contractor would need to be hired to complete the task. The estimated delivery time is 4-6 weeks from date of order.

The new unit can attach to any of the existing loaders and can be changed out quickly with the operator not required to leave the loader, enhancing the safety aspect of the changeover.

FORKS FOR LOADER NEW



BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$16,010 would be allocated from the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve to support the recommendation.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

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:

Jody Murray, Director of Operations

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer