

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

From: Operations

Date: April 30, 2025

Subject: Toolcat Replacement – 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council awards the purchase of a 2025 Bobcat UW56 (Toolcat) from Williams Machinery LP, Prince George in the amount of \$89,880 plus GST;

AND THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the contract and any related documentation.

BACKGROUND:

Unit #62 (2017 Toolcat) is identified in the 2025 capital budget for replacement this year with a budgeted amount of \$110,000. The Toolcat is used in the Public Works department for clearing sidewalks and walkways in the winter and numerous tasks all summer like auguring holes for posts, fences, and trees. Its versatility makes it one of the most used pieces of equipment within our fleet. The Tool cat is in its 9th year of operation and needs to be replaced because our mechanics have spent numerous hours trying to repair the rusted-out floor and left body side.

After speaking with both mechanics, they estimate the repairs that will be needed this year to be estimated around \$40,000 to \$50,000 and require a substantial amount of equipment downtime to fix the repairs. Some of the deficiencies that need to be repaired include:

- Leaking cylinders
- Replacing all hoses
- Replacing front shocks
- Replacing pins and bushings
- Repairing bent quick attach frame

PROCUREMENT:

Staff followed the Procurement Policy 3.1 and obtained four quotes for a replacement Toolcat.

1. Williams Machinery Prince George (2025 Toolcat) = \$89,880
2. Kendrick Equipment Prince George (2025 Trackless MT7) = \$232,534

3. John Deere Prince George (2025 Skid Steer 320G) = \$97,500
4. John Deere Prince George (2025 Skid Steer 325G) = \$118,700

The quote from Williams Machinery Prince George is for a model that is currently available in BC. If the purchase is delayed, and the equipment has to be ordered, then the quote will increase to \$120,910 which will include a 25% tariff premium.

When researching for quotes, an electrical option was not considered as per our Green Fleet Policy 6.8. Our mechanics are currently unable to work on electric or hybrid vehicles as it requires further training along with new testing equipment. A hybrid or an electric vehicle would have to be taken to Prince George to get service or maintenance done when required.

The 2017 Toolcat would be traded in for a value of \$27,000 towards the purchase of a new Toolcat.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

\$89,880 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