

**Region of Queens Municipality Special Council**

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

**9:00 a.m. via Zoom**

**Agenda**

This meeting will be held virtually using the free software program known as Zoom. If you wish to watch/listen to the meeting through Zoom, please contact Christine Watson at [cwatson@regionofqueens.com](mailto:cwatson@regionofqueens.com) (902) 354-3455 to receive the meeting link details.

**1.0 Call to Order**

**2.0 Mill Village Fire Department Truck Purchase**

**3.0 Adjournment**

## Region of Queens Municipality Staff Report

**To:** Council

**From:** Joanne Veinotte, Director of Corporate Services

**Date:** December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Re:** Mill Village Fire Department Truck Purchase

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**Background:** Policy 82 – Fire Department Capital Purchase and Operating Grants is a policy of Council that dictates the funding model for the five fire departments that receive funding from Region of Queens Municipality.

**Details:** The current schedule in the policy has expired and any new schedule must have the consensus of all Chiefs. Currently there is no consensus on a new truck purchase schedule.


Mill Village Fire Department wish to purchase a new truck. It is an R Series Top Control 4 Door, model 2023ZMV607 at a cost of \$618,966 plus HST.

Council considered that:

The purchase of this truck outside of the proposed schedule represents a precedent for future purchases to take place outside of the truck purchase schedule which is contained within the policy.

There is sufficient funding in the reserve, based on the current model, to support this purchase.

The truck has arrived in Bridgewater and Mill Village has first option to buy it. The truck will not be held until after April 1 or the budget is passed, whichever date is later.



Mill Village Fire Department is requesting a letter per Policy 82 guaranteeing the \$275,000 contribution from the Region of Queens for this truck purchase. Each guarantee shall be subject to Ministerial approval per Section 88(3) of the Municipal Government Act. Should Council approve this request, staff will complete a Guaranteed Borrowing Resolution which will have to be passed by Council and submitted to the Minister for approval after the Department of Municipal Affairs does a financial analysis to ensure it is within the Municipality's financial capacity, and then submit to the Minister for approval.

For Ministerial approval to be granted, Council of the Region of Queens Municipality need to pass a motion that approves the Fire Department Guarantee Resolution for the Mill Village Fire Department truck purchase of \$275,000 for the purchase of an International 2023MV607 R Series Top Control 4 Door Fire Truck.

Discussion at the December 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting resulted in a recommendation for the motions to be presented by staff at the next Council meeting. A Special Council meeting was called for Council to pass these motions.

**Budget Considerations:**

There would be no operations expenditures, as payments are from the Fire Truck Reserve and begin in 25/26.

**Recommendation:**

THAT Council of the Region of Queens Municipality agree to the Mill Village Fire Department purchase of an R Series Top Control 4 Door, model 2023ZMV607 Fire Truck at a cost of \$618,966 plus HST as an exception to Policy 82 – Fire Department Purchase and Operating Grants.

THAT Council of Region of Queens Municipality approve the Fire Department Guarantee Resolution for the Mill Village Fire Department truck purchase of \$275,000 for the purchase of an International 2023MV607 R Series Top Control 4 Door Fire Truck.