



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Council
PREPARED BY: Chief Tim Poole
DATE: 16 February 2016
SUBJECT: Pre Budget Approval
ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron approve per budget release of reserve police funds up to \$39,000.00 to purchase a used police cruiser to immediately replace a non serviceable cruiser.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2012 Wingham Police purchased a 2011 Dodge Charger Police Cruiser. Since its purchase, there have been several major mechanical problems with it including internal engine problems. These were repaired by Chrysler under warranty. In December of 2015, the engine developed an internal noise. The vehicle was taken to a local mechanic who in turn referred us to Chrysler indicating that the job was too extensive. The vehicle was taken to Hanover Chrysler and it was determined that the engine would have to be replaced. On the recommendation of the dealership, this work was not undertaken as the cost to do the work would be more than the worth of the vehicle. Their recommendation was to drive it until the engine seizes. This poses a major problem when you are referring to a police vehicle. On occasion police are dispatched to life threatening situations and should the engine give out when they are responding to such a call, then the general public could be put in danger. This vehicle has been taken out of general service, leaving the service with one cruiser. This can be a problem as well as there are times when that cruiser will be down for general maintenance and the service has the requirement to transport prisoners to Goderich and the unmarked 2004 Ford Taurus is not acceptable for that purpose. The Police Service Board budgeted for a new cruiser in the 2016 budget. If we were to wait for that budget approval then order a new cruiser, which would be unacceptable as we would probably not receive the cruiser until late summer or fall. The Police Sector Purchasing Cooperative has negotiated prices with the three major manufacturers for all Ontario Police Services, eliminating the necessity of having to price shop. Should we wait for full budget approval, it would be the fall before we have our full complement of vehicles.

DISCUSSION

The police service requires two functioning marked vehicles in order to maintain provincial standards. The addition of an Expedition would enable the service to maintain that level plus would enable a four wheel drive capability during the winter months.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Essentially most of the money (about \$23,000) is already in reserves and we have an unexpected revenue of \$8,000 for assisting other police services around the province with their fingerprint processes.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS


The service will have to purchase a new vehicle within three years to replace the 2004 Taurus.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Our administration is fiscally responsible and strides for operational excellence.

REVIEWED BY (INITIAL)

CAO _____ Clerk _____ Treasurer _____ Dir of PW _____ Chief Operator _____ Dir of Rec & Fac _____

Fire Chief _____ Police Chief  Other _____



Timothy Poole, Chief of Police

Kathy Adams, Clerk