



Corporate Report

NO: R258

COUNCIL DATE: December 4, 2006

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council DATE: November 22, 2006
FROM: Fire Chief FILE: 1280-01
SUBJECT: Purchase of Quick Response Pumper/Rescue Fire Apparatus

RECOMMENDATION

The Fire Department recommends that Council approve the award of a contract for the supply of one 1250 IGPM Quick Response Pumper/Rescue Unit to Safetek Emergency Vehicles Ltd. (Smeal Fire Apparatus) in the amount of CDN \$506,579.00 including all applicable taxes.

DISCUSSION

The City invited sixteen companies to submit proposals through RFP# 1220-30-30-06 which was posted on the City's website and the B.C. Bid website. The bidding process was undertaken in accordance with the City's purchasing policies and procedures. One proposal for the Quick Response Pumper/Rescue unit was received and was evaluated using the criteria stated in the RFP. It is not unusual in the process of seeking quotes or proposals on fire apparatus for very few responses to be received due to the relatively small market for such equipment and the special tailoring that is often required to meet specifications of jurisdictions.

The proposal from Safetek Emergency Vehicles Ltd. meets or exceeds all specifications. The City's previous experience in dealing with Safetek has been satisfactory and the product quality has been excellent. The cost of the unit as proposed by Safetek is considered reasonable in comparison to other recent apparatus purchases by the Fire Department.

The acquisition of the QR Pumper/Rescue combination apparatus continues to demonstrate a new direction for the Surrey Fire Service in relation to its versatility. It gives the Department a Pumper and Rescue combination at approximately half the cost of purchasing separate Pumper and Rescue trucks; therefore offering our City better utilization of the fire fighting work forces.

The QR Pump/Rescue unit is multi-functional, staffed with two persons (but has the capabilities for 4 persons should future needs require it) and is capable of providing immediate intervention

at any emergency incident requiring medical/rescue or to supplement a fire ground-related emergency. The apparatus will be equipped with a full complement of ground ladders, 500 imperial gallon water tank, 1250 IGPM fire pump, 400 feet of 2.5 inch hose, 800 feet of 4 inch hose, four pre-connect attack lines, 25 imperial gallon class A foam concentrate system, rescue equipment consisting of cutter, spreader (Jaws of Life), hydraulic rams, rescue saw, smoke fan, 8,000-watt generator, scene light tower and medical equipment. This unit is designed for proactive, emergency operations in a first responder capacity.

The QR Pump/Rescue unit is a smaller version of our full size Pump/Rescue unit. It can respond more quickly and easily in inner City locations that provide less room for large vehicles to manoeuvre. The new QR Pumper/Rescue will service the Central City area (Hall # 2).

The QR Pump/Rescue will facilitate decommissioning of one Pumper truck that has been makeshift to incorporate rescue and medical equipment. The decommissioned Pumper is a 1985 model in need of overhaul. Part components for apparatus of this vintage are becoming no longer inventoried by suppliers and must be custom manufactured which impacts negatively on operating costs and down time. Most of the loose equipment on this unit will be reused.

Funding is available for this purchase within the City's current budget.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, it is recommended that Council approve the award of a contract to Safetek Emergency Vehicles Ltd. for the supply of one 1250 IGPM Quick Response Pumper/Rescue Unit in the amount of CDN\$506,579.00 including all applicable taxes.

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Fire Chief