



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: July 13, 2020
Submitted by: Fire and Rescue Services
Subject: Surplus 1995 Spartan Pumper Fire Apparatus

Purpose

To seek direction for the disposal of the surplus Fire-Rescue 1995 Spartan Pumper Fire Apparatus.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the surplus 1995 Spartan Pumper Fire Apparatus be donated to the Seton Valley Volunteer Fire Service as recommended in the report dated July 13, 2020 from Fire and Rescue Services regarding Surplus 1995 Spartan Pumper Fire Apparatus.

Background

The Fire-Rescue 1995 Spartan Pumper Fire Apparatus was put into service as a front line pumper for 15 years and then relegated to back-up status for an additional 10 years. These terms of service align with the National Fire Protection Association guidelines. After 25 years of service, the pumper truck is being retired as it no longer meets the Underwriters Laboratories of Canada's (ULC) certification for minimum performance requirements and is no longer recognized in the insurance grading of a community.

The City's Corporate Purchasing Policy suggests that the best value for disposal might be obtained by sending the apparatus to auction; however, Fire-Rescue would like to donate this apparatus to an organization that could benefit from its use.

Discussion

Over the past year, Fire-Rescue has received informal inquiries about the retiring 1995 Spartan Pumper. The Seton Valley Volunteer Firefighters Society reached out to Fire-Rescue and expressed interest in acquiring the truck after several years of fundraising. Seton Valley, located between Pemberton and Lillooet, is protected and serviced by the Seton Valley Volunteer Fire Service which is run by the small, society-based fire department. The community consists of approximately 500 people and includes three First Nation reserves (primarily the Shalath which is one of the primary villages of the St'at'imc (Lillooet) Nation). Fire-Rescue has considered the request from the Seton Valley Volunteer Firefighters Society (**Attachment 1**) and would like to assist this underfunded volunteer fire service through donation of the retiring pumper apparatus.

The City has made previous donations of fire apparatus. At the June 28, 2016 Regular Council meeting, Council approved a donation to Firefighters Without Borders through the following resolution:

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THAT the surplus 1987 Mack Fire Apparatus be donated to Firefighters Without Borders as recommended in the report dated May 30, 2016 from Fire-Rescue regarding Surplus 1987 Mack Fire Apparatus.

The retired truck was subsequently sent to Mexico and continues to be in service today (**Attachment 2**).

At the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, Council made the following resolution:

THAT staff proceed with the donation of the decommissioned Fire-Rescue Equipment Truck to Peru through Firefighters Without Borders;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute all necessary documentation.

The donation of the equipment truck has been extremely successful and after having been used as the department's HazMat truck, it is currently being used as the department's Radio Communications vehicle (**Attachment 3**).

Should the surplus apparatus go to auction, it is estimated that if sold, it might sell from \$3,000 to \$6,000 as fewer communities are willing to purchase trucks that no longer meet the ULC's minimum performance standards. In consideration of this and of today's environment, it would be highly desirable to keep the apparatus in service by a community in British Columbia in need. As the Seton Valley Fire Department's call volume is quite low – approximately 12 to 20 calls per year – the pumper could provide the community with valuable protective services for many years to come.

Fire-Rescue has also donated retired Personal Protective Equipment, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Cylinders, and other equipment over the years. Should donation of the 1995 Spartan Pumper be approved, it is Fire-Rescue's desire to also donate retired hose and other equipment with the truck.

Other Option(s)

THAT the surplus 1995 Spartan Pumper Fire Apparatus be sent to auction for sale.

Financial Implications

There is no cost to donate the apparatus to the Seton Valley Volunteer Fire Service. Should Council choose to send the truck to auction, the expected amount to be recovered is between \$3,000 and \$6,000, minus a 15% fee to have the apparatus sold through BC Auction.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

The community and local media would be informed of the donation through traditional and social media communications tactics.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

Donation of the surplus 1995 Spartan Pumper Fire Apparatus would meet the Council strategic objective of Exceptional Service.

Attachment(s)

1. Letter dated July 6, 2020 from the Seton Valley Volunteer Firefighters Society.
2. Photos of previously donated 1987 Mack truck to Mexico.
3. Photo of previously donated equipment truck to Peru.

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Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Attachment 1 - Letter dated July 6, 2020 from the Seton Valley Volunteer Firefighters Society.pdf- Attachment 2 - Photos of previously donated 1987 Mack truck to Mexico.pdf- Attachment 3 - Photo of previously donated equipment truck to Peru.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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