



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Community Safety Committee
From: Tim Wilkinson
 Acting Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue
Re: Donation of Surplus Vehicles

Date: January 11, 2017
File: 99-Fire Rescue/2017-Vol 01

Staff Recommendation

That the surplus City vehicles listed in the staff report titled "Donation of Surplus Vehicles", dated January 11, 2017, from the Acting Fire Chief, Richmond Fire-Rescue be authorized by Council for donation to Firefighters Without Borders Canada.

Tim Wilkinson
 Acting Fire Chief
 (604-303-2734)

Att. 1

REPORT CONCURRENCE		
		<i>(Acting)</i>
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Staff Report

Origin

Firefighters Without Borders Canada (FWBC) has made a formal request (Att. 1) of Richmond Fire-Rescue (RFR) to donate any surplus vehicles and this report responds to the request.

The Disposal of City Assets Policy requires that the disposal of surplus City assets by donation be forwarded to Council for approval.

Analysis

FWBC is a nationally registered non-profit charitable group with the mission “to assist the emergency service agencies of developing nations by helping to improve their ability to effectively provide a higher level of emergency services to their communities”. This organization has delivered over 700 tons of retired equipment and over 61 vehicles to 14 countries; all donated by fire departments across Canada.

RFR currently has surplus vehicles that have exceeded their serviceable life due to age, changes in technology, safety standards or replacement upgrades. A formal request was submitted by FWBC for surplus vehicles. The list of vehicles currently available for donation is listed below:

	Unit #	Year	Make/Model/Style	Original Value Total	Estimated Disposal Value Total
1	716	1992	Superior Pumper	\$151,055	\$5,000
2	889	1996	GMC Yukon	\$35,000	\$2,000
3	1090	2001	Dodge 15 Passenger Van	\$32,756	\$2,000
4	1117	2001	Ford Explorer Sport Trac Pick-up	\$34,662	\$2,000
5	1104	2001	GMC Pick-up	\$24,072	\$3,000
6	977	1998	Ford Ranger Pick-up	\$18,530	\$1,500
7	1156	2001	Chevrolet S10 Pick-up	\$20,809	\$1,200
8	1280	2005	Jeep Liberty	\$25,863	\$3,000
9	1285	2005	Ford Ranger Pick-up	\$23,346	\$3,500
Total				\$366,093	\$23,200

Financial Impact

Once donated FWBC would transport, store and ship the surplus vehicles at no cost to the City of Richmond.

The financial impact of donating the surplus vehicles would be any potential revenue received through the auction of the items. Given the low return or lack of demand for the items, the social value is more effectual than the total monetary return on the sale. The disposal value is estimated to be \$23,200.

Conclusion

Through the donation of the vehicles to Firefighters Without Borders Canada, the City of Richmond would be supporting efforts to ensure the safety of fire fighters and enhancing the level of emergency service in less developed countries.



Kim Howell
Deputy Fire Chief
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Att. 1: Firefighters Without Borders Canada Request for donation



THE MISSION OF FIREFIGHTERS WITHOUT BORDERS CANADA IS TO ASSIST THE EMERGENCY SERVICE AGENCIES OF DEVELOPING NATIONS, BY HELPING TO IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE A HIGHER LEVEL OF EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

January 12, 2017

City of Richmond
Mayor Brodie & Council
Deputy Chief Howell
Richmond Fire Rescue

Mayor Brodie;

Firefighters Without Borders Canada is a nationally registered non profit charitable group with a mission to assist firefighters and other emergency personnel in less developed countries. As part of our mandate, we have embarked on 19 overseas training deployments since 2008 to 6 different countries. We have also delivered over 700 tons of retired equipment and 61 emergency vehicles to 14 countries, which were donated by departments all across Canada. Richmond Fire Rescue has been a past supporter of our group, having donated their used equipment on several occasions since 2008.

This letter is our formal request for the soon to be surplus Richmond Fire Rescue vehicles and equipment to be donated to Firefighters Without Borders Canada. The requested equipment includes-

1997 Spartan "Quint" fire apparatus
1996 GMC Yukon Command Unit
2001 Dodge 15 Passenger Van
2001 Ford Explorer
1998 Ford Ranger Pick Up Truck
2001 GMC Pick Up Truck
2001 Chevrolet S10 Pick Up Truck

Various firefighting equipment and personal protective equipment that will soon be retired from service

This equipment would be earmarked for projects in Mexico and the Philippines. We are working with Rotary in Richmond and other communities, as well as Rotary World Help to facilitate these projects.

I would be happy to provide any further information to Richmond Fire Rescue or the City of Richmond as needed.

We look forward to continuing this relationship and thank you again for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Bob Dubbert- President Firefighters Without Borders Canada