

Subject: **Disposal of Fire Engines**
 Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 22, 2024
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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT: (Check all that apply)

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High Quality Infrastructure		Economic Resilience		Quality of Life		Effective Leadership		Level of Service	

RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

Provincial (cite)- N/A

Council Bylaw/Policy (cite)- N/A

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

In 2020, Kneehill County donated 2 engines to Alberta Society for Firefighters Abroad – Project Paraguay. ASFA has a mission to build the capacity and safety of firefighters and emergency services abroad through apparatus, equipment, and training projects. Deliveries were delayed through the pandemic, however, both trucks are now in service in Paraguay.



In 2023, we were able to re-purpose a tender into our Transportation Department as a tank truck.

We have two trucks ready to dispose of in 2024:

1. Kneehill County Engine in Three Hills Fire Hall – this is a 2004 Engine, reaching its recommended life span for a front-line engine.
2. Kneehill County Spare Engine, housed in KC Transportation Shop – this is the 2001 Engine from Acme that was used to temporarily go to any of the halls during repairs of other units to ensure a front-line pump engine was in the community for protection during downtime. We have mitigated this through new Tender replacements having pumping capabilities and can bridge that gap, along with Mutual Aid partners.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES/OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

1. To sell the Engines in Auction with a reserve bid and put monies raised back into our Capital Equipment Plan - The income from fire trucks over 20 years was anticipated to be higher, as in the past couple years. However, with trucks now back into regular build rotations, that price has again decreased to “normal” disposal prices. For example, a partner municipality received \$14,000 as a sale price for their year 2000 Engine.
2. To donate the Engines to Alberta Society for Firefighters Abroad – Project Paraguay.

From the ASFA “Paraguay has been our primary base of operations since 2015 and we’re still working with departments down there. That said, if for some reason we don’t find departments in Paraguay that want or can receive the trucks (unlikely) we’d explore other Countries to send them to that are similar in need to Paraguay.

The value to these departments is unmeasurable. In most of the cases when we donate these trucks it becomes the one and only fire engine these departments have. We have donated to departments to replace their current apparatus, but when that happens, they either move the truck to second line to bolster their ability to respond, or they donate the truck to a nearby department that doesn’t currently have one. As an example, we did send one of the other donated trucks to a department that had one already, but it was a 1950’s vintage trucks and quite unreliable so the donation was a significant improvement for them. New fire apparatuses aren’t available in Paraguay and even if they were the departments would never be able to fund the purchase of one, so these donations are essentially the difference between being able to respond to fires with an actual fire truck or responding to fires with a modified water tank on the back of a pick-up, or not being able to respond at all.”

FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS:

Donating the items would see a decrease in the sale of assets, within our Capital Equipment Replacement Plan.

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RECOMMENDED ENGAGEMENT:

Directive Decision (Information Sharing, One-Way Communication)

Tools:	Individual Notification	Other:	
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ATTACHMENTS:

None

COUNCIL OPTIONS:

1. To sell the Engines in Auction with a reserve bid and put monies raised back into our Capital Equipment Plan.
2. To donate both Engines to Alberta Society for Firefighters Abroad – Project Paraguay.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

That Council donate the two Engines (Spare and Kneehill County Three Hills Station) to Alberta Society for Firefighters Abroad – Project Paraguay.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS:

Administration will make the necessary arrangements to fulfill Council's direction.

APPROVAL(S):

Mike Haugen, Chief Administrative Officer

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