2027 Budget Information Paper

Name of Department *

Fire

Budget *

- [x] Capital (included in capital Forecast, over $5,000)
- [ ] Maintenance (On existing items)
- [ ] New (new item not replacing an existing item)
- [ ] Operating (not part of Capital Forecast)
- [x] Replacement (replacing an existing item in it's entirety)
- [ ] Refurbish (repair to extend the life of the item)

Please enter a date *

10/20/2026

Name: *

Jesse Lambe, Fire Chief

Account # *

10-04-0410-5560

Account Name *

Capital Equipment

Category *

Capital- Equipment

Subject: *

Replace Station #2 Tanker

Recommendation: *

That Council look at both options:

Option #1: Start the process of setting aside funds to purchase a new Tanker for Station #2 (Apsley) with replacement for 2029.

Option #2: Extend the replacement of Tanker #2 to 25 years, planning for replacement in 2034.

Background: *

The Fire Underwriters Survey helps the insurance industry establish appropriate fire insurance rates for residential and commercial properties by providing insurance grades.

The North Kawartha Fire Department follows the Fire Underwriters Survey for maintaining all apparatus. To maintain the level of service North Kawartha is currently providing, front line pumpers and tankers must be no older than 20 years of age. Station #2 tanker is a front line tanker and will reach the age of 20 years in 2029.

In 2016 we tendered to have the tank body, emergency lighting, and reflective striping upgraded on Tanker #2 due to a failing tank body that was originally installed on the cab and chassis. This process cost $168,022.84.

Analysis: *

To avoid a single overwhelming purchase of approximately $630,000 to replace Tanker #2, we have split the total cost over three years.

Due to the investment in 2016 and the extensive work that was completed on Tanker #2, the Fire Underwriters Survey will extend the replacement age beyond 20 years to 25 years. This would mean that we would be looking at replacing Tanker #2 in 2034. In doing this, the municipality's Dwelling Protection Grade would not change.

In saying this, please be aware that if Council chooses to extend the replacement of Tanker #2 to 25 years, we would not be able to obtain the Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation, as front line pumpers and tankers need to be on a 20 year replacement cycle.

Financial Implications:

Dollar Amount of Item *

$210,000

How does it affect your budget *

Increase in Expenses Over Previous Year Budget for this item

How will it be funded? *

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Details if Other: