2027 Budget Information Paper

Name of Department *

Public Works

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)
- [ ] Replacement (replacing an existing item in it's entirety)
- [ ] Refurbish (repair to extend the life of the item)

Please enter a date *

November 4, 2026

Name: *

Corey Dunsby, Public Works Manager

Account # *

10-06-0600-5560

Account Name *

Capital Equipment

Category *

Capital- Equipment

Subject: *

Excavator Ice Grips

Recommendation: *

To approve a 2027 Capital Budget allocation of $10000 to purchase ice grips for the excavator for winter brushing.

Background: *

The tracked excavator is primarily utilized during the summer months for capital construction projects. It is also used during the winter for brushing operations when conditions and workload permit. However, the machine is not well suited for winter road travel, particularly on icy surfaces. Due to the steel tracks and operating characteristics of the excavator, maintaining traction and control on snow-covered or icy roads can be challenging, especially on hills and grades. This creates safety concerns for operators and other road users, limiting the equipment's effectiveness for winter operations.

Analysis: *

Due to reduced traction during winter conditions, the effectiveness of the tracked excavator is limited, particularly when operating on snow-covered or icy roads. To improve the versatility and year-round utilization of this asset, it is recommended that removable ice grips be purchased and installed as required. Ice grips would improve machine stability and traction, enhancing operator control and safety while reducing the risk of incidents on hills and grades. This investment would increase the machine's effectiveness for winter brushing operations, improve operator and public safety, and maximize the value of the asset throughout the year

Financial Implications:

Dollar Amount of Item *

10,000

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: