



REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Deputy Chief Martin Mills

DATE: February 22, 2023

REPORT NO.: Fire 2023-003

SUBJECT: Fire Panel Purchase

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. FIRE-2023-003 dated February 22, 2023 regarding fire panel purchase be received for information only.

KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- Staff have received emergency approval from the CAO for purchase of a fire training panel.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

In early February staff requested an emergency purchase authorization through the CAO for the Lion Bullex Attack solution. Staff have requested an emergency purchase due to an impending price increase of approximately 10 percent.

The Lion Bullex Attack solution is a portable digital fire training system which consists of two electronic panels that simulate fire including sound effects and smoke generation that can be extinguished with a laser beam water line which will be incorporated into our training syllabus.

AJ Stone is the sole authorized distributor in southern Ontario of this equipment.

The purchasing policy allows the CAO to authorization emergency purchases with reports to Council to follow for information purposes.

Both Central York Fire and Whitchurch Stouffville Fire have acquired this equipment and are very happy with this system.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have an impact on the Town's Strategic Plan.

RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

This report impacts and/or helps address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target through climate mitigation.

The smoke generation produced from this simulator is designed so that it produces virtually no traces of toxins or harmful chemicals. The firefighters can get the most from the training without all the health risks. The atmosphere will receive no negative environmental health effects either.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

The Fire Department worked together with the Senior Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management who is in agreement of the award.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report will be funded through an existing approved budget source.

The system costs \$60,250.00 plus HST Monies are available through budget # 5500-02-1601

Reviewed and approved by,

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