



# REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-074

From: David Sturgeon, Protective Services Manager

Date: April 29, 2021

**Subject: Request for Quote #18-2021 Charlie Lake Fire Mobile Radio Contract Award**

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## **RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Weighted – LGA Sec 210]**

That the Regional Board award RFQ #18-2021, “Charlie Lake Fire Department Mobile Radios”, to Petron Communications Ltd., for the purchase of 27 mobile radios for the Charlie Lake Fire Department at a total cost of \$108,345.50 (excluding taxes); further that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

## **BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:**

The current fleet of mobile radios is aging and the technology is becoming outdated. This replacement includes a radio that will work on all current communications systems that are available in the market to be better prepared for rapidly changing technology. This purchase will make all the radios in use by the Charlie Lake Fire Department (CLFD) the same type; the radios are also the same type that the Fort St. John Fire Department and the Taylor Fire Department use making the radios interoperable between agencies.

A request for quotations (RFQ) was issued February 23, 2021, closing on March 31, 2021. The Peace River Regional District (PRRD) received one submission from Petron Communications which met all the requirements for experience and qualifications, availability to respond for technical issues, and references.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:**

- ☒ Not Applicable to Strategic Plan.

## **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

\$106,000 was budgeted under Charlie Lake Fire Department, Function 315 in the 2021 financial plan for the purchase of radios. Due to the current pandemic, raw materials have seen a dramatic increase since 2020. The bid amount of \$108,345.50 is \$2,345.50 over budget, and will be funded from the CLFD capital reserve fund. A budget amendment will be required to authorize the transfer of funds from the reserve to the capital budget.

These new radios will last 10-15 years until new ones have to be purchased for replacement. They will be included in the PRRD asset management program.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

None at this time.