



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-249

From: Sean Cairns, Protective Services Manager

Date: October 5, 2023

Subject: Disposal of Surplus Fire Apparatuses

RECOMMENDATION: [Corporate Unweighted]

That the Regional Board authorize the disposal of surplus fire apparatus, specifically TC1 (a 1996 GMC fire tender) and CL5 (a 2000 International fire engine), by way of sale to the highest bidder through GovDeals.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

In anticipation of a potential regional fire training center in Dawson Creek, the PRRD has been maintaining two reserve fire apparatus:

- TC1 – a 1996 GMC fire tender which was formerly provided to the Pouce Coupe Fire Department under the terms of the rural fire protection contract until it was replaced in 2022 with a new apparatus; and,
- CL5 – a 2000 International fire engine which was formerly used by the Charlie Lake Fire Department until it was replaced in 2020 with a new apparatus.

The Regional Board, at its [July 20, 2023, meeting](#), resolved the following:

MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED

That the Regional Board decline to proceed with further steps toward the establishment of a regional fire training center; further that the City of Dawson Creek be notified of this decision.

As the regional fire training center project will not be proceeding, there is no longer a need to retain or maintain these surplus apparatuses. The apparatuses are currently being stored outdoors at the PRRD warehouse and were previously stored outdoors at the Dawson Creek Fire Training Centre. While the apparatuses are in fair condition, their continued storage outdoors and their lack of use will result in deterioration over time.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The annual cost to maintain each surplus apparatus is approximately \$4,500 which includes insurance, maintenance, and annual inspections.

The revenue from the sale of the apparatuses will be returned to function 300 – Emergency Services (for TC1) and Function 315 – Charlie Lake Fire Department (for CL5).

GovDeals charges a fee of 1.5% to the seller and 6% to the purchaser on the sale amount.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

TC1, at 27 years of age, is no longer eligible for recognition by the Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) and CL5, at 23 years of age, has two years of potential eligibility remaining if an extension is approved by FUS. While these apparatuses are not suitable for use by fire departments that are concerned with FUS recognition, they may be of interest to small rural departments, industry, or agriculture producers.