

**Subject: Donation of Decommissioned Ambulance to St. John Ambulance**

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**Report to Finance and Corporate Services Committee on 4 July 2023**

**and Council 12 July 2023**

**Submitted on June 22, 2023 by Cyril Rogers, General Manager and Chief Financial Officer (A), Finance and Corporate Services Department**

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**Ward: Citywide**

**Objet : Don d'une ambulance mise hors service à Ambulance Saint-Jean**

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**Rapport au Comité des finances et des services organisationnel**

**le 4 juillet 2023**

**et au Conseil le 12 juillet 2023**

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**Quartier : À l'échelle de la ville**

## **REPORT RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Finance and Corporate Services Committee recommend that Council waive Subsection 41(4) of the City's Procurement By-law 2000-50, as amended, and approve the donation of one decommissioned ambulance to St. John Ambulance, with the lost residual value to be funded from the Fleet Reserves.**

## **RECOMMANDATION DU RAPPORT**

**Que le Comité des finances et des services organisationnels recommande au Conseil de suspendre l'application du paragraphe 41(4) du *Règlement sur les approvisionnements* de la Ville (n° 2000-50), dans sa version modifiée, et d'approuver le don d'une ambulance mise hors service à Ambulance Saint-Jean, en récupérant la valeur résiduelle perdue dans les fonds du parc automobile.**

## **BACKGROUND**

City Council, at its meeting on 31 August 2022, approved the following Motion ([2022-81/20](#)):

**WHEREAS St. John Ambulance (Ambulance St-Jean) supports events and festivals in the City of Ottawa by supporting the Ottawa Paramedic Service, including but not limited to opioid harm reduction; and**

**WHEREAS St. John Ambulance is seeking the donation of a surplus ambulance to provide training to employees and volunteers and to replace the one currently used for service the public in sports, arts, cultural festivals and major events.**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has approximately 85 to 90 ambulances in its fleet at any given period and the expected life cycle of an ambulance is estimated at 54 months and between 200,000 to 230,000 kilometers; and**

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa usually disposes of roughly 10 to 12 ambulances per year and the next replacement cycle for ambulances in Ottawa is scheduled for June, 2023 (31 new ambulances on order); and**

**WHEREAS the residual value of a used ambulance averages between \$20,000 to \$23,000; and**

**WHEREAS Section 41(4) of the City's Procurement By-law 2000-50, as amended, states that: "the sale of surplus furniture, vehicles, equipment, stock, supplies and other goods and material shall be made to the highest responsive bidder and the sale shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this by-law where applicable." And**

**WHEREAS Ottawa City Council has previously waived this provision in order to donate of surplus ambulances to specific causes or organizations (for example, the Salvation Army Community and Emergency Response team, and organizations doing work in Ghana and Ethiopia);**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that staff report back to Council when the next ambulance is ready for disposal, and,**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the time of the report, Council consider waiving Subsection 41(4) of By-law No. 2000-50, as amended, and consider the donation of one ambulance to St. John Ambulance, with the lost residual value be funded from the Fleet Reserves.**

The City's Disposal of Fleet Vehicles and Equipment Policy includes the following provision on Donation:

"Through donation to an eligible person group or body where Council considers the donation to be in the interest of the City, as set out in the *Municipal Act*. This option is initiated by a sponsoring Councillor. The report or motion brought forward to Committee, Transit Commission or Council must waive section 41(4) of the procurement by-law to allow the donation."

## **DISCUSSION**

St. John Ambulance has requested the donation of a decommissioned ambulance to provide training to employees and volunteers and to replace the one currently used to service the public in sports, arts, cultural festivals and major events.

The City of Ottawa has, over the years, donated decommissioned vehicles to non-profit charitable organizations that serve the public interest. St. John Ambulance is a charitable organization that provides first aid and emergency medical services to the community. A decommissioned ambulance from the City of Ottawa would be a valuable asset for St. John Ambulance, as it would allow them to continue to support sports, arts, cultural festivals and major events in collaboration with the Ottawa Paramedic Service to provide medical coverage and assistance to event attendees and organizers. A decommissioned ambulance has been used in the past for training and education purposes, as well as opioid harm reduction. By donating a decommissioned ambulance to St. John Ambulance, the City of Ottawa would be supporting a worthy cause that benefits the health and safety of its residents.

The City of Ottawa roughly disposes of 10 to 12 ambulances per year and the next replacement cycle for ambulances in Ottawa is anticipated in Q3 2023 (31 new ambulances on order). The residual value of a used ambulance averages between \$20,000 to \$23,000. The Procurement By-law provides that “the sale of surplus furniture, vehicles, equipment, stock, supplies and other goods and material shall be made to the highest responsive bidder and the sale shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this by-law where applicable,” which also applies to used/decommissioned vehicles. Ottawa City Council has previously waived this provision in order to donate surplus ambulances to specific causes or organizations (for example, the Salvation Army Community and Emergency Response team, and organizations doing work in Ghana and Ethiopia).

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Should Council approve waiving Subsection 41(4) of By-law No. 2000-50, as amended, the lost residual value of donating one ambulance, estimated between \$20,000 to \$23,000, will be funded from the Fleet Reserve.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal impediments to approving the recommendation in this report.

### **COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)**

This is a citywide report.

### **CONSULTATION**

Staff from the Finance and Corporate Services Department and Fleet Services Branch were consulted in the preparation of this report and support the donation of the decommissioned ambulance to the St. John Ambulance.

### **ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS**

No accessibility impacts have been identified.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

No risk management implications have been identified.

## **TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

This report aligns with the following objective in the 2019-2022 City Strategic Plan and Term of Council Priorities:

- Thriving Communities priority in promoting safety for our residents

## **DISPOSITION**

Fleet Services will arrange for donation of the decommissioned ambulance upon Council approval. Legal Services will complete the Donation Agreement and any documents required to transfer the ownership of the decommissioned ambulance.