


DEPARTMENT: Community and Emergency Services	
	TOPIC: Drone Donation
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PURPOSE OF REQUEST

To provide the Emergency Advisory Committee's recommendation to Council regarding the donation of the retired Emergency Management drone to SAIT.

BACKGROUND

The County posted the drone ad on Facebook Marketplace on September 17, 2024, for \$8,000 OBO. There was one offer to trade a "large coffee and hot beverage vending machine" on September 30th. The only other message that was received was from apparently the salesman that sold the drone to us, and he figured the price was quite high and said they couldn't sell the other new ones that they had in stock. We've since lowered the price to \$4,000, with no offers. We believe it's a tough sell given how far drone technology has come in recent years. The County's new drone take's better pictures, is easier to fly (no laptop needed), has a longer range, and Transport Canada does not require a drone license to fly it.

At the January 21, 2025, Emergency Advisory Committee meeting the recommendation was made to donate the retired drone to SAIT and U of C. GPS catalog project at Champion Park. SAIT stated they would appreciate the donation if it were to be approved. Reeve Miller supported this idea, recognizes that old technology is a tough sell and is satisfied with the effort to try to sell it.

Councillor Waldorf made the motion for the committee make the recommendation to Council to donate the drone and accessories to SAIT.

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REQUEST OF COUNCIL

Proposed Motion:

For Foothills County to donate the retired Emergency Management sensefly albris drone and accessories to SAIT as per the recommendation from the Emergency Advisory Committee.

Appendix A: **Donation Items:**

Sensefly Albris Drone with under 5 hours of flight time.

Package includes:

- 10 batteries.
- 4 battery chargers.
- 2 controllers.
- 2 backup sets of propellers.
- Backup set of legs.
- Drone Carrying case.