

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Department: Foothills Fire Department

TITLE: Squad/Command Vehicle Replacement



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ATTACHMENTS:

PURPOSE:

To procure a light duty truck used for frontline response as a Squad/Command vehicle in the Foothills Fire Department fleet. This is a replacement of a vehicle that may not align with current standards and can no longer reliably or safely support fire response activities.

BACKGROUND:

The Foothills Fire Department continues to plan financially for purchasing and developing plans to replace aging equipment in the Fire Department with compliant vehicles. The 2025 Fire Department Capital budget allows for a new Squad truck for a total of \$90,000. This Capital purchase is funded by MSI/gas tax per approved Capital Budget.

Currently scheduled for replacement is Squad 52 a 2002 Ford F-150 currently in frontline duty as a Squad response vehicle for 23 years.

Background:

We are currently seeking to acquire 1 Squad truck for this year (2025) Capital purchase as per proposed Capital plan to replace apparatus and light duty emergency response vehicles past their useful life cycle.

Things taken into consideration when looking into purchasing a new Squad vehicle:

- Budget
- Warranties
- Serviceability
- Towing capacity
- Interior space, personnel transport

- Will it be used on hard surface roads only or off-road or both.

We've reached out to 3 of vehicle dealers, Chevrolet, and three Ford dealers.

F150 - High River Ford
XLT
5.0 L
Towing - 13000 lbs.
Total 58,722.00

F150 - Okotoks Ford
XLT
5.0 L
Towing - 13000 lbs.
Mudflaps - 499.00
CPA - 9500
Total 60,256.00

F150 - Metro Ford
XLT
5.0 L
Towing Capacity - 13000 lbs.
Spray in Liner - 675.00
Mudflaps - 499.00
CPA Discount - 9500
Dealer Discount - 6600
Total 67,718.00

Okotoks GM 1500 - Chevrolet Silverado
SE
2.7 Twin turbo
Towing Capacity - 8000 lbs.
Liner in
Total 54,535.00

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council to approve the procurement of the F150 XLT from High River Ford for **\$58,722.00**.

Reasons for Recommended:

- Higher Towing Capacity for boat and various response trailers.
- V8 engine is better for towing and emergency response use of the vehicles.
- Matches fleet already in service.
- Better suited for off-road/rugged use.

The Fire Board made the motion on February 4, 2025 to take our recommendation to Council for approval.