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Fire Truck - Alternative Approval Process

What's proposed?

The Village of Pemberton is proposing to borrow up to \$533,536 to purchase a Triple Combination Pumper Truck (fire truck) to be repaid over 20-years.

Why does the Village need to purchase a Triple Combination Pumper Truck?

To keep the current fire insurance ratings for all of the homes and businesses within the Fire Service Area, the Fire Department must have a "front line" fire truck that is less than 20-years-old. The Fire Department's current front line truck is about to complete 20 years of service and therefore a new one must be purchased.

What will happen to property taxes if we purchase a new fire truck?

A \$450,000 home currently pays tax on a previously purchased fire truck at \$17.71 per year; this debt will be completed in 2016. The new fire truck requires tax collected at \$19.50 per year, an overall increase of \$1.79 annually. The loan on the new fire truck will be applied over 20 years, the estimated life of the truck.

How much will my home insurance premiums increase if we don't replace the front line fire truck?

The Fire Underwriters Survey determines the Fire Protection Classification, which insurance companies use to calculate fire insurance premiums. If the front line truck is not replaced, the Fire Underwriters Survey will likely downgrade the current Fire Protection Classifications for buildings in the Village of Pemberton and surrounding areas serviced by the Pemberton Fire Rescue. For example, a home assessed at \$450,000 located within eight kilometers of the fire hall currently pays approx. \$1300/year for fire insurance, but if the Fire Protection Classification is downgraded fire insurance for the same home may increase to up to approx. \$1900/year (an increase of approx. \$600/year).

Is there a cheaper option?

A Request for Proposal (RFP) process was carried out by the Village last spring. Four proposals were received, the prices ranged from \$505,000 to \$620,000. The RFP review Committee recommended selecting FirePower Emergency Apparatus, to manufacture the new Fire Truck because it scored the highest on the pre-established selection criteria.

The Fire Department also looked into purchasing a used fire truck; however, they were unable to find a cost effective alternative that meets the required specifications and has enough years of service remaining to be of value to the Fire Department.

Do we have to decide now?

FirePower Emergency Apparatus guaranteed the price of the fire truck until December 31, 2015. If the approval of the electorate is not granted before the end of this year it is anticipated that, as a result of the fluctuating exchange rate and increased production costs, the price of a new fire truck may increase by as much as \$50,000.

I support the purchase of a Fire Truck. What should I do?

Do nothing. An Alternative Approval Process is a counter-petition requiring that those in opposition to this borrowing register their opposition.

I do not support the purchase of the Fire Truck. What should I do?

Those in opposition of this borrowing must complete and submit an Elector Response Form, which is available online at pemberton.ca or at the Village Office.

The deadline to register opposition is **4:00 p.m. December 29, 2015**

Where can I get more information?

Visit us online at Pemberton.ca or call 604-894-6135 or visit the Village Office.