



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)  
Replacement Purchase

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## RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council authorize the purchase for the scheduled replacement of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) based on the tendered price of \$407,996.38.

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## PURPOSE:

The purpose of the report is to seek Council's approval for the Langley City Fire Rescue Services to purchase new SCBA equipment to replace the existing SCBA equipment that is nearing its expiration.

## POLICY:

Policy Number: FN -13 states:

"All single purchases for goods or services, or where a multi-year contract is entered into, that exceed a total value of over \$375,000 must have the approval of City Council."

## COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

The Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) currently being used by Langley City Fire Rescue Services is nearing its expiration date, and is in need of replacement. Replacement of this equipment at this time will ensure the department continues to have NFPA compliant equipment without interruption and takes advantage of buying power when making the purchase in conjunction with the

Township of Langley. To this end, the two departments completed a joint assessment and evaluation of the Self SCBA models in preparation of replacing both department's aging SCBAs with compatible equipment.

By conducting this joint evaluation process the two departments received a bid from two vendors who met the SCBA specifications and were able to secure better pricing because of greater quantities purchased, as well as ensure compatible equipment for the two departments.

### **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

The amount of funds required to purchase the replacement SCBA is \$407,996.38, which is within the allocated funds budgeted for this purchase in the 2020 Langley City Fire Rescue Service, Capital Expense Budget.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

Should Council decide not to support this purchase at this time the department would look to replacing only some components of the SCBA equipment, but this alternative will likely result in greater costs longer term, maintenance specifically, and the lack of compatibility with Township of Langley Fire departments equipment.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Scott Kennedy,  
Deputy Fire Chief

### **CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:**

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer