# Request for Decision City Council



Type of Decision								
Meeting Date November 14, 2007		7	Report Date			October 16, 2007		
Decision Requested	Х	Yes	No		Priority	Х	High	Low
	Direction Only			Ту	pe of Meeting	X	Open	Closed

#### **Report Title**

Mobile Command Unit

### **Budget Impact / Policy Implication**

This report has been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.

Funding for this purchase has been approved as part of the 2006 Capital Budget.

Approved project total funded as follows:

\$240,000 - EMS (Capital Budget)

\$142,000 - Police Reserve (approved)

\$ 40,000 - JEPP Grant

\$422,000

#### Recommendation

WHEREAS the replacement of the Mobile Command Unit has been identified as a joint priority of Police, Fire, and Emergency Services for the past several years, and

WHEREAS the procurement of this Command Unit would facilitate the management of service specified or multi-agency emergency response.

THAT Council approve the procurement of a 5th wheel trailer model Mobile Command Unit from LDV Inc. Of Wisconsin, USA via Don's RV of Greater Sudbury in the amount of \$422,000 including taxes;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the Chief of Emergency Services to enter into a purchase contract for this unit.

**Background Attached** 

Recommendation Continued

**Recommended by the Department** 

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Chief of Emergency Services

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Emergency Services is seeking Council's authority to enter into a purchase contract for one (1) 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Command Unit from LDV Inc. of Wisconsin, USA, via Don's RV of Greater Sudbury in the amount of \$422,000.

This unit will replace a motorhome that had been used in this capacity over the years but has exceeded it's lifespan and is no longer dependable due to a high frequency of breakdowns. Emergency Services will have the responsibility to house and ensure operational readiness of the unit at the Lionel E. Lalonde Centre.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Emergency Preparedness measures are considered necessary to ensure that our municipality is prepared to respond to, mitigate the impact of and recover from, any natural, technological or man-made emergency through the provision of leadership and support.

The ability for any community to effectively respond and address any incident that would be classified as beyond normal capacity requires the appropriate infrastructure necessary to mitigate the threat caused by the event. The City of Greater Sudbury has committed to being response capable through the development of a state of the art Emergency Operations Centre that allows appropriate management of any major incident from outside of the perimeter.

The desired model for management of any such event requires not only an efficient EOC, but the on-scene capacity to allow incident commanders to effectively manage community emergencies. Call loads have been on the rise in recent years. Within each of the three Greater Sudbury Emergency Response departments call loads were as follows: 35,000 calls for Emergency Medical Services; 4,000 calls for Fire Services, and 55,000 calls for Police Services. Recent emergencies such as the Pioneer Manor Fire, Northern Breweries chemical release, and the St. Joseph's Health Centre fire and evacuation have further demonstrated the need for a Command Unit capable of supporting emergency services on-scene.

Once procured and following the acquisition and installation of generic and user specific equipment locally, the City will be equipped with a fully function Emergency Mobile Command Centre that will be utilized as an essential tool available to all Emergency Services and allied agencies for response to incidents involving the safety, loss or protection of human life. This mobile unit will facilitate on-site emergency response throughout rural and urban centres. The Mobile Command Unit will serve as the hub for the assessment of field staff, movement of personnel, and will provide one-on-one communications assistance to local resources.

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For the past several years, the replacement of the Mobile Command Unit has been identified as a priority for police, fire and emergency medical services. Following extensive discussions on the potential to share such a unit between these services, it was decided that a joint venture for procurement was warranted to purchase a command unit, intended to facilitate the management of service specific or multi-agency incidents.

To this end, through the Capital Planning process, Emergency Medical Services and Police Services have each contributed funds from their respective capital sources. To date, a total of three hundred and sixty thousand (\$360,000) dollars was allocated to this project and approved by Council. Additionally, an application for funding was made to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) to assist in defraying apportion of the costs. Recently, the City received notification that \$40,000 had been approved. Police have identified and obtained Police Services Board approval for funding required to purchase this unit.

In early 2006, a committee with representatives from Emergency Medical Services, Police, Fire and Supply and Services was struck. This committee was tasked with identifying specific vehicle needs, developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) or tender document, to assist with the design of the command unit.

By mid 2006, an RFP was released to vendors across North America. The response to the RFP was extremely poor following which the decision was made to decline the submissions as unacceptable. It was decided that an Expression of Interest would be in line to determine what vendors might be interested and qualified. The committee reviewed proponent expressions and ultimately pre-qualified LDV Inc. of Wisconsin, USA, the manufacturer. Don's RV of Greater Sudbury is the local dealer in Sudbury who represents the manufacturer and who would service the unit locally. A last and final offer has been received and accepted. (Schematic drawings attached.)

#### **CURRENT SITUATION**

Throughout 2007, the committee has undertaken significant steps to reach a final design for a unit that would meet the needs of all users. A 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel Trailer model was selected by the team with a final price of \$422,000 including taxes having been negotiated. The unit will also require a pull vehicle at an estimated cost of \$60,000. This vehicle will be purchased by Emergency Medical Services, funded from the 2007 Capital Budget. The total project cost will be just under \$482,000.

This unit will be housed at the Centre Lionel E. Lalonde Centre within the Fire Services bay on an interim basis, as a more suitable solution is being investigated with a modification to the existing Emergency Medical Services building or possibly a separately constructed bay as an add on to the building.

The parties are recommending that this project proceed immediately in order to meet the spending obligation under the JEPP funding program.



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