

## Administrative Report

To: Mayor and Council  
From: George Bell, Manager, Community Services  
Gerry Armstrong, Fire Chief/CEMC  
Date: May 16, 2008  
Re: Fire Truck Purchase

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At the April 28 Council Meeting, resolution # 011 was passed by Council for the purchase of a Furion fire truck from Fort Garry Fire Trucks of Winnipeg for the cost of \$285,000.00 with \$25,000.00 additional for the necessary equipment for operation.

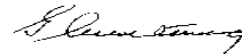
Fort Garry Fire Trucks was the recommendation based on the apparent availability of a fire apparatus that will meet the pumping needs for our town. The Company had suggested the fire truck would be available in a short time period and that a pump vehicle would be provided on an interim basis until the new truck could be equipped and delivered.

In the past two weeks, a number of enquiries were made in an attempt to confirm a delivery date, however, Fort Garry Fire Trucks has indicated that the new unit will not be available until the latter part of September or early October due to commitments for demo shows, which is contrary to the original discussions on our immediate need for a fire truck.

In researching the availability of similar fire vehicles from other companies, it was learned that a Spartan fire apparatus is available from Dependable Emergency Vehicles. The vehicle is a better value for reasons of; a larger per minute pumping capability, has a stainless-steel body, holds the ULC plating, and is fully equipped including a newly designed 28' water tower boom that is recent technology for non-entry fire fighting. This better value unit for a total cost of \$309,875.00 fully equipped, can be delivered as soon as the week of June 1, 2008. The amount does not exceed the original approved expenditure.

With the immediate need for water supply and pumping capability during our water tower restoration project through this summer, we recommend an amendment to resolution # 11 for the purchase of this better value fire truck from Dependable Emergency Vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,



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George Bell

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Gerry Armstrong

**Council's approval of this report will** authorize the purchase of this demonstrator fire vehicle for the Fort Frances Fire & Rescue Service at a cost of not more than \$310,000.00.