POLICY CSD-06: Firefighting and Rescue Apparatus Purchasing and Maintenance Standards

Community Services

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a minimum standard for the purchasing or refurbishment of firefighting and rescue apparatus in Norfolk County, and for the maintenance of such apparatus.

Legal Reference

The Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997 c.4, Section 2.

Definition:

The terms Firefighting and Rescue Apparatus refers collectively to fire services motorized vehicles, the associated body and all systems installed on these vehicles.

Refurbishment refers to a substantial overhaul of existing mechanical or chassis components of the apparatus and may also include bodywork or re-powering of existing chassis.

Replacement refers to the complete replacement of the apparatus. If cost-effective, some major components, such as the pump or body may be recycled from retired apparatus into the new apparatus if these components are still serviceable and are likely to remain so for the expected life of the new apparatus.

Certified Pump refers to a firefighting water pump that meets the performance requirements of Underwriters Laboratories of Canada (ULC) standard S515. In the case of new apparatus, this is determined by a certification test by a recognized third party testing agency.

Implementation Procedure:

All Firefighting and Rescue Apparatus, when acquired by Norfolk County for this service, shall fully meet the requirements or standards of the appropriate portions of current versions of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards and guidelines, Underwriter's Laboratories of Canada (ULC) Standards, and any Ontario Regulations for fire apparatus.

All apparatus, when undergoing a mid-life refurbishment shall be upgraded or modified such that when re-commissioned into service, the apparatus meets the appropriate and essential portions of the current Standards and Regulations as if it was being acquired new.

All in-service Firefighting and Rescue Apparatus shall be maintained in accordance with the industry best practices and in accordance with recommendations in the current versions of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standards and Guidelines. Underwriter's Laboratories of Canada (ULC) Standards, and any Ontario Regulations for fire apparatus.