



## Staff Report

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**Report To:** Council Meeting  
**From:** Lee Gosnell, Manager of Infrastructure and Development  
**Date:** 2025-04-24  
**Subject:** Truck 11 Replacement

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### **Recommendation:**

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Infrastructure and Development; And

That West Elgin Council approves ordering one (1) new single axle dump truck from Viking-Cives Ltd. of Mount Forest ON, for the quoted price of \$249,834.00 plus applicable tax.

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek West Elgin Councils' approval to secure a build slot for one (1) new single axle dump truck which will replace the current Truck 11 being utilized within the Public Works Department.

### **Background:**

The Municipality currently operates a one tonne, single axle dump truck within the Public Works department for various jobs including hydro vac, patching, tree removal and drainage operations. The current truck was built in 2012 and replaced an older unit that was similar in size and capabilities. The proposed replacement truck to be ordered has upgraded hauling/towing capacity and the addition of snow removal equipment, which will be essential in maintaining service levels as more development comes online in West Elgin.

The current single axle dump being replaced is now 13 years old (2012), and staff have priced a new truck with winter equipment through the LAS Canoe Procurement Program. The demand for vocational trucks in recent years has remained high, and if West Elgin Council approves ordering this unit now, the expected delivery date will be Q2 or Q3 of 2026. Due to the specialized nature of this equipment, these units are not something that can be sourced immediately. Proper planning must be exercised to ensure that equipment can be utilized to its full potential, without major repairs, and life-cycled to provide reliable service and maximize residual value.

Viking-Cives builds a reliable product which has been used at the municipality for decades. They worked with municipal staff to purchase the cab & chassis locally at Cotrac Ford in Dutton and will manufacture components/assemble the unit in Mount Forest, Ontario. This provides excellent

service capabilities for this unit in years to come. For these reasons, staff recommend the purchase of this single axle dump truck from Viking-Cives through the Canoe Procurement Program.

**Financial Implications:**

Funds for the purchase of this unit will come from West Elgin Public Works Equipment Reserves and will be allocated in the 2025 and 2026 budget years. The quoted price does represent an increase over the draft budget amount, largely due to increasing material costs. However, sales of the current unit will help offset a portion of this difference. Due to current economic conditions, both the chassis and equipment suppliers expect increases on future orders.

**Policies/Legislation:**

None

**Alignment with Strategic Priorities:**

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin’s infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,  
 Lee Gosnell, Manager of Infrastructure and Development

## Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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