



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jeff McArthur, Fire Chief
Date: 2020-09-24
Report: 2020-04
Subject: End of Life Equipment

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council has no objections to donating equipment that has reached it's 'end of life' cycle and is no longer usable to the West Elgin Fire Department.

Purpose:

To inform Council of equipment that the Fire Department considers surplus and seek approval for donating equipment on an ongoing basis, as needed.

Background:

The West Elgin Fire Department currently has approximately eight SCBAs and 40 cylinders that have been taken out of service since the recent switch of SCBAs in West Lorne Station #2. There is little demand or opportunity of resale for these items, as most fire departments have or will be phasing out this type of equipment. The Fire Department faces a similar situation with other equipment including older auto extrication equipment and bunker gear which is removed from service after the ten-year lifespan and often ends being placed in a storage room or discarded.

There are ongoing opportunities to donate such equipment to recognizable charities which send firefighting equipment to fire departments in need around the world including Bolivia, Dominican Republic, and to remote First Nations Communities. In the past few years, London Fire Department, Southwold Fire Department and Norfolk County Fire have donated to Firefighters Without Borders. Typically, participating municipalities receive some form of recognition for their donations.

To ensure equipment is repurposed when appropriate, staff recommends Council allow donation of all 'end of life' equipment, that has little resale value and/or would end up being discarded, to a recognizable charity or fire department in need.

Financial Implications:

There are no notable financial implications associated with this report. Equipment considered for donation would have little or no resale value.

Policies/Legislation:

N/A

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