



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Adjustments to the 2013 Emergency Medical Services'  
Capital Budget**

<b>Date:</b>	September 18, 2013
<b>To:</b>	Budget Committee
<b>From:</b>	Chief Corporate Officer and Chief, Emergency Medical Services
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 09 – York Centre
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2013\Internal services\RE\Bc13025 (AFS #18281)

**SUMMARY**

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The purpose of this report is to seek City Council authority to amend the 2013 Emergency Medical Services Approved Capital Budget to create a new capital sub-project for land purchase in the amount of \$3.950 million. This adjustment will utilize funds from the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund (LARF) and will result in zero impact on City debt funding levels.

The land purchase sub-project will be utilized for the construction of a multi-function station capital project that was approved by City Council in 2013 at the 170 Plewes Road site, this site is no longer available due to other portfolio efficiency initiatives.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Chief Corporate Officer and the Chief, Emergency Medical Services recommend that Council:

1. Authorize the creation of one sub-project and increase funding in Emergency Medical Services' 2013 Approved Capital Budget in the amount of \$3.950 million, with funding provided by the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund (XR1012), for the purchase of land at 1300 Wilson Avenue.

## Financial Impact

The approval of this report will result in an increase of \$3.950 million within Emergency Medical Services' 2013 Approved Capital Budget. It will also authorize the creation of one new sub-project, Land Purchase of 1300 Wilson Avenue, within the 2013 Approved Capital Budget of Emergency Medical Services:

<b>Capital Project</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Large Station at Plewes Rd (Renamed to North West District Multi-Function Station)	2,000.0	7,200.0	2,000.0	11,200.0
<b>Land Purchase</b>	<b>3,950.0</b>			<b>3,950.0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,950.0</b>	<b>7,200.0</b>	<b>2,000.0</b>	<b>15,150.0</b>

The EMS Capital project, Large Station at Plewes Road was approved in 2013, with a total project cost of \$11.200 million to provide funding for the demolition of an EMS' existing structure at 170 Plewes Road,(City-owned), and construction of a larger facility on the same property. However because 170 Plewes Road is no longer an available site for EMS, it requires additional funding for the purchase of land for \$3.950 million, which will increase the total project cost to \$15.150 million.

The increase of \$3.950 million will be funded from the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund (LARF) which will be replenished by the sale of another property as part of the portfolio efficiency initiatives.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## DECISION HISTORY

The Yard Property Utilization Initiative - Toronto-East York, Scarborough and North Districts which was adopted by Council on November 27, 2012, directed the Director, Real Estate Services to work with the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services to relocate its operations from Oriole Yard, 251 Esther Shiner Boulevard to 170 Plewes Road.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.GM18.7>

The 2013 Capital Budget and 2014-2022 Capital Plan for Emergency Medical Services was approved by Council at its meeting on January 15, 2013. The EMS plan included commitment approval to build an Ambulance Facility with 20 bays at 170 Plewes Road but did not include a land acquisition component as it was City owned.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.EX27.1>

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

As a result of the Metrolinx's expansion across Eglinton Avenue West, EMS Station 19 at 2660 Eglinton Avenue West needs to be relocated. Consequently, Metrolinx agreed to contribute \$1.800 million to relocate and rebuild this station on another property for EMS. After Real Estate Services indicated that a suitable replacement site could not be found in the targeted area (Hwy. 401 to Steeles Avenue West and Islington Avenue to Dufferin Street) EMS proposed that the funds be used to incorporate Station 19 into a redevelopment of the "Multi-Function Station". This proposal was endorsed by the TTC and later Metrolinx.

Due to other portfolio efficiency initiatives 170 Plewes Road is slated to revert back to Transportation Services resulting in the need to find a new site for EMS. Real Estate Services was requested to search for a 3 to 3.5 acre property in the Hwy. 401 to Steeles Avenue West and Islington Avenue to Dufferin Street target area suitable for a 25 bay Ambulance Station.

There were no available City-owned properties suitable for a 25 Bay Ambulance Station thus Real Estate Services staff shifted their search to external properties. Through this search, they became aware of an opportunity to purchase a property from the Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique Centre-Sud at 1300 Wilson Avenue which falls within the desired catchment area. It is an ideal location for EMS' needs because it allows rapid and direct access to the City's highway infrastructure and to Pearson International Airport in order to ensure rapid mobilization and response for requests for service both in and across the GTA.

This project was not included in the 2013 Capital Budget plan as noted above, therefore, this report recommends the addition of a new Capital Budget sub-project to purchase land for the new 25 Bay Ambulance Station and that funding for this project should come from LARF.

## **COMMENTS**

The previously approved project funding for Plewes Road is still required to build a new station at 1300 Wilson Avenue to maintain and improve response times in the Northwest portion of the City. EMS is currently at program capacity and has been in need of facility expansion for the last five or six years, but this program has been constrained by capital budget limitations and competing state-of-good-repair capital demands. The loss of Stations at 2660 Eglinton Avenue West (Station 19) and 170 Plewes Road (Station 52) in the next couple of years has increased the need to build a "Multi-Function Station" in this area.

Real Estate Services and EMS agree that this is the best location available to meet Emergency Medical Services needs. There are no suitable City owned properties available for EMS use and the property at 1300 Wilson Avenue is the best possible external property available in the area. EMS' ability to provide emergency medical services to Toronto residents would benefit greatly from the purchase and development of the property at 1300 Wilson Avenue.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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