

Notification of Donation of Decommissioned Fire Hose to the City of Yellowknife

Date: November 8, 2023

To: Economic and Community Development Committee

From: Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report seeks to notify City Council of the donation of end-of-life, decommissioned lengths of Fire hose to the City of Yellowknife. This decommissioned equipment was donated, in response to an urgent request by the City of Yellowknife, as they battled widespread wildfires in late August 2023.

The City of Yellowknife contacted TFS, on August 17, 2023, to inquire if TFS had any fire hose that could be donated to the wildfire efforts ongoing in Yellowknife. At that time, TFS was in the process of replacing a quantity of fire hose, on a number of frontline trucks. As such, TFS was able to make 100 lengths of expired and otherwise decommissioned fire hose available for shipment to the City of Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

Approval from the City Manager was obtained prior to proceeding with the donation of this decommissioned fire hose.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services recommend that:

1. City Council receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications associated with the approval of this report. The donated hose would have otherwise been disposed of via the City's disposal of asset process and was deemed to be of nominal value. All costs and liabilities associated with the donation and shipping of this end-of-life equipment were borne by the City of Yellowknife.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the information as presented in the Financial Impact Section.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council has not previously considered this item.

COMMENTS

Over the summer of 2023, Canada faced an unprecedented forest fire season with thousands of residents evacuated and millions of hectares of land being consumed by the wildfires. On August 16, 2023, the City of Yellowknife was issued an evacuation order as a result of encroaching wildfires.

TFS was contacted by the Fire Chief of Yellowknife on August 17, 2023, requesting assistance from Toronto Fire Services. Specifically, the City of Yellowknife was requesting any available fire fighting hose that could be used to protect the city from the approaching fires.

At that time, TFS was in the process of replacing a quantity of fire hose, on a number of frontline trucks, which resulted in the 100 lengths of fire hose being available for emergency donation to the City of Yellowknife. This hose would have otherwise been disposed of via the City's disposal of asset process and was deemed to be of nominal value.

The City of Yellowknife arranged for the donated fire hose to be shipped to their city and covered the corresponding costs.

TFS consulted with the City Manager, who authorized the donation on an emergency basis.

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