

Claim for damages – Toronto Paramedic Services vehicle components

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To: General Government Committee

From: City Solicitor

Wards: All

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report is about litigation or potential litigation that affects the City or one of its agencies, boards and commissions.

This report also contains advice or communications that are subject to solicitor-client privilege.

SUMMARY

The City purchased vehicle components for environmental and fuel efficiency of Toronto Paramedic Services (“TPS”) vehicles. The City alleges that the components were defective.

Confidential Attachment 1 contains legal advice from the City Solicitor regarding legal action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Solicitor recommends that:

1. City Council adopt the confidential recommendations contained in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report from the City Solicitor;
2. City Council authorize the public release of the confidential recommendations contained in Confidential Attachment 1, at the discretion of the City Solicitor, but that the remainder of Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential as it contains advice which is subject to solicitor-client and litigation privilege.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial implications are discussed in Confidential Attachment 1.

DECISION HISTORY

The City Solicitor has not previously reported on the legal action discussed in this report.

COMMENTS

The City purchased vehicle components that turned out to be defective. The components have since been removed from TPS vehicles. The City incurred costs to acquire, install, and subsequently remove these components.

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ATTACHMENTS

Confidential Attachment 1 – Confidential Instructions to Staff