

Amendment to Legal Agreement for Purchase Order 6056776 with Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. for the Non-exclusive Supply and Delivery Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks for use by Toronto Fire Services

Date: November 24, 2025

To: General Government Committee

From: Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services and Chief Procurement Officer

Wards: All

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to request authority for the Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services to negotiate and amend the legal agreement dated May 16, 2025, with Dependable Emergency Vehicles, a Division of Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. (the "Agreement") for the non-exclusive supply and delivery of two (2) Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks for use by Toronto Fire Services. The Agreement for supply and delivery of Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks was awarded as a result of Request for Quotation Doc4871080077. The Agreement was authorized to have a total maximum contract value of \$3,207,523 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$3,263,975 net of HST Recoveries), this maximum total contract value would allow for no more than two (2) Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks to be procured.

The amendment requested would increase the maximum total contract value so that two (2) additional Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks could be procured. This amendment would allow Toronto Fire Services to maintain the same brand and model of Heavy Rescue Squad truck which will save significant costs in the purchasing process, firefighter operator training, technician training and repair parts inventory, as they will replace two similar units currently in use but nearing their end of service life. Purchasing on the existing contract allows Toronto Fire Services to utilize vendor engineering experience to ensure the design of this custom apparatus matches existing units while staying within the pricing model.

The amendment being requested is to increase estimated quantities from two (2) Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks to four (4) Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks and increase the total maximum contract value by \$3,256,158 net of applicable taxes and charges (\$3,313,466 of HST recoveries), revising the maximum total value from \$3,207,523 net

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of all applicable taxes and charges (\$3,263,975 net of HST recoveries) to \$6,463,681 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$6,577,442 net of HST recoveries).

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. General Government Committee grant, in accordance with City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 71, Financial Control, Section 71-11.1.C., the Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services the authority to negotiate and execute an amendment to the existing agreement between the City and Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd., (the “Agreement”) for the non-exclusive supply and delivery of Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks by increasing the maximum total value of the Agreement by \$3,256,158 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$3,313,466 of HST recoveries), resulting in the maximum total value of the Agreement increasing from \$3,207,523 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$3,263,975 net of HST recoveries) to \$6,463,681 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$6,577,442 net of HST recoveries); and, such associated amendments as may be required to implement the increase to the maximum total value of the Agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total value of the amendment to the Agreement identified in this report is \$3,256,158 net of all applicable taxes and charges, and \$3,679,459 including all applicable taxes and charges. The total cost to the City is \$3,313,466 net of HST Recoveries.

Funding is available in the 2025-2034 Capital Budget and Plan for Fleet Services. Additional funding details follow in Table 1.

Table 1: Financial Impact Summary

Account	Description	Base Unit Pricing (Net of HST Recoveries)	Vehicles	Total Cost (Net of HST Recoveries)
CFL014-25	Fire-Vehicle/ Equipment Purchase - 2025	\$1,656,733	2	\$3,313,466

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The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with information included in the financial impact section.

DECISION HISTORY

On April 2, 2025, Bid Award Panel adopted the recommendation of report BA126.5 - Award of Doc4871080077 to Dependable Emergency Vehicles, DIV Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. the Non-exclusive Supply and Delivery of Two (2) Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks for Toronto Fire Services - and granted authority to enter into a contract with Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. to supply and deliver Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks with a maximum total value not to exceed \$3,207,523, net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$3,263,975 net of HST Recoveries).

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.BA126.5>

On December 2, 2020, Bid Award Panel adopted the recommendation of report BA112.2 - Award of Ariba Doc Number 2525968951 to Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd., for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Heavy Rescue Squad Truck for Toronto Fire Services - and granted authority to enter with Dependable Emergency Vehicles, a Division of Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. to supply and deliver Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks with a maximum total value not to exceed a total contract value of \$855,495, net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$870,552 net of HST Recoveries).

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COMMENTS

Toronto Fire Services currently operates five Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks specifically designed for response to industrial accidents, automobile accidents, high angle rescue, water rescue, and medical emergencies. These trucks are designed to carry the expanse of equipment required to respond to the large variety of potential emergency calls.

In 2024, Toronto Fire Services initiated the process of procuring two (2) Heavy Rescue Squad trucks by means of a competitive Request for Quotation procurement process (Request for Quotation Doc4871080077, or "RFQ 4871080077"). On April 02, 2025, Bid Award Panel, granted authority to award the agreement for a maximum value of \$3,207,523, net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$3,263,975 net of HST Recoveries), that would allow for the procurement of no more than two (2) Heavy Rescue Squad trucks as specified in RFQ 4871080077. In response, the City entered into the Agreement dated May 16, 2025, with Dependable Emergency Vehicles, a Division of Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. a maximum total contract value which would allow for the purchase no more than two (2) Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks.

The original procurement was initiated to be funded through the 2024 Capital funding, however due to the lengthy process to conduct a competitive process and award a

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contract, the process overlapped with 2025 funding where two more identical trucks had been scheduled for lifecycle replacement. Toronto Fire Services manages a defined lifecycle replacement program for apparatus that ensures it has the vehicles on the road necessary to deliver service to Toronto residents. Given the long lead time for production (18-36 months), staying on schedule is imperative to ensuring the required operational vehicles are on the road. Toronto Fire Services already experiences challenges with supply chain delays faced industry wide. Further delays in production may put Toronto Fire Services behind in the lifecycle replacement program.

The amendment sought to the Agreement, would increase the maximum total contract value, so that two (2) additional Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks could be procured. This amendment would allow Toronto Fire Services to maintain the same brand and model of Heavy Rescue Squad truck which will save significant costs in the purchasing process, firefighter operator training, technician training and repair parts inventory, as they will replace two similar units currently in use but nearing their end of service life. Purchasing on the existing contract allows Toronto Fire Services to utilize vendor engineering experience to ensure the design of this custom apparatus matches existing units while staying within the pricing model.

The amendment to the Agreement which is being requested is to increase estimated quantities from two (2) to four (4) Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks and the total maximum contract value by \$3,256,158 net of applicable taxes and charges (\$3,313,466 of HST recoveries), revising the maximum total value of the Agreement from \$3,207,523 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$3,263,975 net of HST recoveries) to \$6,463,681 net of all applicable taxes and charges (\$6,577,442 net of HST recoveries).

Canadian manufacturer Dependable Emergency Vehicles, a Division of Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. was the only bidder for this solicitation Request for Quotation Doc4871080077. A competitive procurement process for Heavy Rescue Squad Trucks conducted in 2020, Request for Quotation Doc2525968951, received only two bids, where Dependable Emergency Vehicles, a Division of Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. was also the lowest bidder. All of the Heavy Rescue Squad trucks that Toronto Fire Services operates are now identical and built by Dependable Emergency Vehicles, a Division of Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. on Spartan Gladiator model chassis.

The proposed amendment to the Agreement dated May 16, 2025 with Dependable Emergency Vehicles, a Division of Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. supports Toronto Fire Services in maintaining its scheduled lifecycle replacement plan, while also supporting other cost and time saving elements such as consistency in training for both firefighters and the mechanical technicians. Purchasing on the existing contract with Dependable Emergency Vehicles, a Division of Dependable Truck and Tank Ltd. allows Toronto Fire Services to utilize vendor engineering experience to ensure the design of this custom apparatus matches existing units while staying within the pricing model.

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