

Donation from Public Services and Procurement Canada to the City of Toronto.

Date: January 24, 2025

To: Executive Committee

From: Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services

Wards: All

SUMMARY

This report seeks approval from City Council to accept a donation from Public Service and Procurement Canada of a significant amount of surplus shelters, medical equipment, tools, and miscellaneous equipment used in a decommissioned COVID-19 pandemic Medical Hospital Unit. This equipment is intended to increase the capacity and assist in the lifecycle management of equipment that is already part of the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue team, CAN-TF3 managed by Toronto Fire Services. This additional equipment will support Toronto Fire Services' emergency preparedness for incident response and special events in the City of Toronto.

The estimated value of this donation is \$6,101,373, which exceeds the \$50,000.00 threshold for donation acceptance under the City's Policy on Donations to the City for Community Benefits. As a result, City Council's approval is required to accept this donation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services recommends that City Council:

1. Authorize the Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services, to accept an in-kind donation from Public Services and Procurement Canada, of the goods described as MHU's and listed in Attachment 1, which are valued at approximately \$6,101,373 and to allocate these resources as the Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services, believes appropriate for the proper administration and efficient operation of the City's Toronto Fire Services Division.
2. Authorize the Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services, to negotiate and sign on behalf of the City an agreement with Public Services and

Procurement Canada, concerning this in-kind donation, containing on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Fire Chief and General Manager, Toronto Fire Services, and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no current or future-year financial impacts on the City from accepting this donation, as Toronto Fire Services' acceptance and maintenance of these supplies will be absorbed within the current and future-years' Operating Budgets for Toronto Fire Services.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial implications as identified in the Financial Impact section.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on October 30, 31 and November 1, 2012, City Council amended its Donations to the City for Community Benefits policy:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2012.EX23.17>

At its meeting on September 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2006, City Council adopted its Donations to the City for Community Benefits policy.

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2006/agendas/council/cc060925/cofa.pdf>

COMMENTS

Toronto Fire Services (TFS) oversees and leads a Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) team, designated as CAN-TF3. Established in the early 2000s, this specialized program is designed to have trained personnel ready to respond to critical emergency situations, which may include large scale rescue and recovery operations, searches for lost or missing individuals, and structural stabilization efforts, such as shoring up collapsed buildings.

Recently, Toronto Fire Services was made aware by Public Services and Procurement Canada through Public Safety Canada that Mobile Hospital Units (MHU) and associated materials, which were previously used or retained for use during the COVID-19 pandemic, were going to be made available by donation. The ability for the City of Toronto to receive this donation is subject to compliance with a deadline imposed by Public Safety Canada requiring execution of a donation agreement, and for the City to take possession of the donated goods no later than March 31, 2025. As such, this imposes an urgency on the City's decision to accept these goods.

TFS has capacity and the appropriate resources for taking possession of and storage of the donated goods by the mandated deadline. The MHUs, which are subject of this donation agreement, consist of the following equipment and goods:

- Medical equipment including portable ultrasound machines; oxygen concentrator machines, vital monitors, and respirator fit tester generators and refill kits;

- Medical supplies, including but not limited to gowns, gloves, masks, eyewash stations, medical instrument trays, and more;
- Shelter module equipment including generators, shelters, doors and more;
- Shelter module elements and shelter systems including heating and cooling, hydration, and plumbing systems, as well as air filters and ventilation systems;
- Consumables for construction and operation of the MHU including nails, tape, screws and more;
- Furniture and office equipment, including printers, desks, chairs, fire extinguishers, lockers, and more; and,
- Specialized tools and construction equipment.

A comprehensive summary list of the donated goods can be found in Attachment 1.

The MHU's available to the City by donation would be a valuable resource for the City's HUSAR team, CAN-TF3, as they would:

- Be compatible with the resources already used by the City's HUSAR team;
- Increase the team's capacity to respond to incidents in the City of Toronto; and,
- Support the lifecycle management of the resources required to be regularly purchased by the team.

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Attachment 1: Comprehensive List of Donation Items from Public Service and Procurement Canada