



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.  
2024-TFD-04

Memorandum to Council

**Subject:** Disposal of Surplus Extrication Equipment

**Agenda Date:** April 11, 2024

**Attachments:** FFB Canada request for Donation Extrication equip

**RECOMMENDATION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami does hereby receive the report from the Temagami Fire Chief regarding a donation request of the surplus 2009 Hydraulic Extrication tools from *Firefighters Without Borders Canada*;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the Temagami Fire Chief's recommendation to donate the 2009 Auto Extrication set to *Firefighters Without Borders Canada*, to be provided to an Ontario volunteer fire department in need.

**INFORMATION**

In 2009 the *Temagami Lions* funded the full purchase price of a set of Hurst Jaws of Life heavy hydraulic extrication equipment for the Temagami Fire Department.

In 2023, recognizing the heavy extrication tools were approaching their end of life, the *Temagami Lions* once again committed to fund raising for newer state-of-the-art battery powered e-hydraulic heavy extrication equipment, initially with a \$20,000 commitment, followed with fund raising for the second piece, achieved December 2023, and committing in January to fund raising for the third component (Ram) which Council approved purchasing ahead of time to avoid the manufacture's annual price increase.

Following the purchase, the 2009 Jaws of Life set was identified surplus to the department's needs, and the Asset Disposal process was initiated.

- The 2009 power unit is a duel pump (2 outlets) – One of the pump outlets was not performing 100% and servicing /repair was planned for 2023 (prior to the Lions funding commitment).
- Announced at the South Timiskaming Fire Chief's January meeting that we were in the process of declaring the equipment surplus; no Fire Chiefs expressed interest in acquiring the set.
- During the disposal process, a donation request was received from *Firefighters Without Borders Canada (FWB)* for extrication equipment (attached).

**Recommended Option: approve the donation request**

- Firefighters Without Borders Canada is a not-for-profit CRA registered organization, whose purpose is to help equip firefighters in Canada and around the world; working with partners, supporters, and volunteers to provide much-needed equipment, tools and training, helping build firefighting capacity of communities in need to keep their communities safe.
- FWB receives requests daily for emergency vehicles, medical supplies and tools such as Jaws of Life. The Jaws are also used for other rescues besides vehicle extraction. 6 sets have been donated to Ukraine to assist in bombed out buildings. Presently 3 communities in Ontario have submitted requests for a set of Jaws.
- In the past Temagami Fire Dept. has donated surplus Bunker suits, and received used dress uniforms, hats, station wear, 2 positive-pressure fans, port-a-tank and a 60" hydraulic ram from the organization.
- While I believe sale of the equipment is fiscally prudent, I strongly support donating the equipment to FWB, given the support they have provided us in the past, and into the future.

## **Alternative Options**

### **Sell on GovDeals**

- Based on sales on GovDeals over the last year, it is estimated the equipment should sell somewhere between \$1,000 and \$2,500. While the seller sets the opening price, GovDeals recommends a starting bid of \$250 / 10% of the estimated value to gain buyers interest.
- As this is an online auction site, the potential for a high sale price is dependent on number of interested parties (bidders).
- There is no guarantee the equipment would go to another fire department, or of the final sales price if sold on GovDeals

### **Post for Sale on OAFC website**

- A higher possibility of a fire department purchasing the equipment if posted on the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs website
- Would have to set the sale price - \$1,500 is recommended amount if this option was chosen

### **Retain as spare**

- Service/repair the hydraulic pump so both pumps are operating at peak efficiency, allowing 2 hydraulic tools to be used at the same time (\$500 + parts)
- Keep the set as a spare back-up set in the event the new hydraulic equipment fail (low probability)
- As newer vehicles, with stronger metallurgy and structural design become more prevalent on our highways, the effectiveness of the 2009 hydraulic equipment becomes less effective (obsolete), Dispose of the units after 5 to 7 years.

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Jim Sanderson**  
**Temagami Fire Chief**