

Agenda Item: D.7

Request for Decision

Title	Construction Equipment Disposal
Proposed Motion	That Council authorize Administration to proceed with the disposal of eight (8) road construction specific units listed in Appendix A with minimum net proceeds of \$2,906,050.00.
Administrative Recommendation	Administration recommends that Sturgeon County attempt to sell the equipment through private entity bids prior to consignment at auction.
Previous Council	November 22, 2016, Motion 424/16 -
Direction	That Council direct Administration to develop a detailed Local Road Program plan to improve rural gravel roads utilizing Contracted Services.
Report	 On November 22, 2016 Council approved the Local Road Reconstruction Strategy. The sale of construction equipment was identified in the "Financial Implications" in the November 22, 2016 report, however the impact on the 2017 budget were unknown. Municipal Services met to discuss which equipment no longer served any purpose based on Council's direction, and therefore a list including eight (8) units was generated and are as follows: three (3) 627H Scrapers, two (2) 815F Packers, one (1) D7 Dozer, one (1) D3 Dozer, and one (1) 336E Excavator.
	 Two (2) options will be investigated including auction sale and private sale with the intention of maximizing return to Sturgeon County. Several auction entities have shown interest in the complete package along with private entities in individual pieces of equipment. Auction timelines include both spring and fall sales. Factors that will be considered: Commission amounts if using auction; Level of exposure using auction services compared to selling privately (greater exposure may net greater returns);

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- Penalties for early disposal of equipment affected (two (2) units affected);
- Potential savings if dispersal is private;
- Legalities involved in selling privately;
- Transparency;
- Current economy and time of year; and
- Budget implications.

External Communication

A listing indicating our intentions to sell equipment privately will be generated and distributed to contacts within the industry including other municipalities. This will be in accordance with best practices established by other municipalities that sell equipment privately.

Relevant Policy/Legislation/Practices:

Procurement Directive (dir_pro_exe_2014)

Implication

Strategic Alignment:

This recommendation is consistent with the Sturgeon County Strategic Plan's Focus Areas of Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership and Operational Excellence.

Organizational:

Selling the equipment privately will require extra staff time as this is the first-time Sturgeon County has attempted to sell privately. This process may be replicated for future disposals if successful.

Financial:

Minimum sale proceeds based on guaranteed auction price.

Proceeds from the sale of equipment will be placed in the appropriate Capital Road Reserve.

Alternatives Considered

Recommendation:

That Council refers construction equipment disposal discussion to Committee of the Whole for reconsideration.

Implications of Alternatives

Strategic Alignment:

This recommendation is consistent with the Sturgeon County Strategic Plan's Focus Areas of Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership, Planned Growth and emerging focus area of Operational Effectiveness.

Organizational:

It is recommended to authorize Administration to proceed with the disposal of the construction equipment to investigate all options as soon as possible while as many options as possible still exist.

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Financial:

Further delay could have a negative effect on generated proceeds due to equipment depreciation and optimal sale periods.

Follow up Action

1. Fleet Services will generate and distribute information regarding the opportunity to bid privately and will communicate with auction entities if private sales do not materialize.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Procurement Directive
- 2. Appendix A

Report Reviewed

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Strategic Alignment Checklist

Vision: Sturgeon County: a diverse, active community that pioneers opportunities and promotes initiative while embracing rural lifestyles.

Mission: Provide quality, cost effective services and infrastructure to meet the diverse needs of the Sturgeon County community, while improving competitiveness and sustainability.

Focus Areas	Not consistent	N/A	Consistent
Strong Local Governance and Regional Leadership			
We promote consistent and accountable leadership through collaborative and transparent processes (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)			×
 Consistent with neighborhood role (see MDP), master plans, policies 		X	
Considers fiscal stability and sustainability			\boxtimes
Has a positive impact on regional and sub-regional cooperation			\boxtimes
Respect the Natural Environment			
We acknowledge the importance of a healthy environment and will minimize and monitor our impact on ecosystems (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
Compliance with Provincial and Federal regulations and/or legislation		\boxtimes	
Ensure effective environmental risk management		×	
Community Identity & Spirit			
We will build upon our strengths, where together we will create an inclusive, caring community (Strategic Plan, (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
 Promotes and/or enhances residents' identification with Sturgeon County 		\boxtimes	
Enhances service provision through community partnerships			
Supports Sturgeon County's cultural history		\boxtimes	
Planned Growth and Prosperity			
We encourage varied and integrated enterprises that enhance our strong economic base, while balancing the needs of the community and natural environment. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
 Does the proposal align with the Integrated Regional Growth Strategy (map/policies) pg. 26 MDP 		×	
Considers cumulative costs and long-term funding implications			×
Targets growth around current or planned infrastructure			
Maintain and Enhance Strong Communities			
We are committed to a safe, secure community, where our residents are respected and provided with access to opportunities. (Strategic Plan, pg. 27 MDP)		×	
Positive impact on residents' quality of life			\boxtimes
Supports and promotes volunteer efforts		\boxtimes	
Provides programs and services that are accessible to all residents			
Operational Excellence	_ _		
We have the organizational capability to deliver consistent and defined levels of service to all stakeholders in a professional, efficient, and cost effective manner			
Staff have the knowledge, skills and capability to perform their jobs			
Streamlines operational processes and policies			\boxtimes
Promotes engagement and professional interaction with stakeholders			
Considers a cost-structure which allows Sturgeon County to remain competitive within a regional, national and global context			⊠

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