



## STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** July 19, 2021

**TITLE:** Replacement Vehicle for Forestry Department

### RECOMMENDATION:

#### By Motion:

1. Accelerate replacement reserve item "Vehicle 141 – 2015 Ford Explorer Sport" from 2025 to 2021 to purchase a new four-wheel drive vehicle.
2. Repurpose vehicle 141 from Administration to the Forestry Department.

### BACKGROUND:

The Ford Explorer Sport was scheduled to be replaced in 2019, staff deferred the replacement to 2025. The Forestry Department shares its vehicle fleet among office staff, defensible space, and chipping crews. Accelerating the Ford Explorer Sport from 2025 to 2021 and repurposing this vehicle from Administration to the Forestry Department addresses an immediate need in our Forestry Department. In addition, it is a more efficient use of this resource.

### ANALYSIS:

After reviewing several models, the Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road Double Cab 4x4 is best suited for our open space terrain with its off-road capability and durability. Currently, the Toyota Tacoma TRD Off-Road manufacturer's suggested retail price ranges from \$45,000 to \$55,000 which is below the replacement reserve amount of \$66,984. The Ford Explorer Sport will be placed on the Do Not Replace list. By doing this, the vehicle will not be replaced, therefore, it will not have any accruals on a replacement schedule.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The current 2015 Ford Explorer Sport vehicle was to be replaced in 2019. In 2019 a decision was made to defer its replacement to 2025. In 2025, the vehicle would have a replacement value of \$72,506. Accelerating this vehicle to 2021 changes the value in the Replacement Reserves Fund to \$66,984 which is still well above the suggested retail price of the Toyota Tacoma (\$45,000 - \$55,000). Any unused funds will be rolled back into the Replacement Reserve Fund.

### ALTERNATIVE:

1. Do not accelerate the purchase of the 2015 Ford Explorer Sport in the Replacement Reserve Fund.

### ATTACHMENTS:

n/a

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Board Meeting Date: July 23, 2021

General Manager Approval to Place on the Agenda: \_\_\_\_\_

