Staff Report

Fire Services

Report To: Committee of The Whole
Meeting Date: June 16, 2020
Report Number: FAF.20.102
Subject: Single Sourcing of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Maintenance and Annual Testing Service Provider
Prepared by: Steve Conn, Fire Chief

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.102, entitled “Single Sourcing of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Maintenance and Annual Testing Service Provider”;

AND THAT Council approve the single sourcing of Res-Q-Tech Systems Inc. to maintain and test the Town’s Fire Services Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment for a term of five years ending December 1st, 2025.

B. Overview

This report outlines a request for single sourcing a service provider for SCBA Maintenance and Annual Testing for Fire Services for a term of five years ending December 1st, 2025.

C. Background

The Town’s Fire Services currently use SCBA’s from Interspiro, imported from Stockholm, Sweden for over 30 years, going back to the days of Collingwood Township to present with many new purchases and retrofits as required to keep the system operational.

The distributor for Interspiro SCBA is located in Woodstock Ontario, and is Res-Q-Tech Systems Inc. This distributor is the sole entity in Ontario that sells and services the Interspiro SCBA. The only other distributor of Interspiro within Canada is located in the province of Quebec. Due to its location and distance, it is not feasible to have them provide service and annual testing for the equipment.

Res-Q-Tech Systems Inc. has been selected based on the Town’s previous 30 years of onsite service and annual testing inspection keeping our SCBA inventory current with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Codes and Standards 1852.
D. Analysis

The Town’s Purchasing Policy POL.COR.07.05, Item 9.1. notes that Sole and Single Sourcing will be permitted if one supplier/contractor possessing the unique ability or capability to meet the requirements of the Town due to a patent sales/distributor agreement or copyright.

Fire Services requests approval to continue to use Res-Q-Tech for service and annual testing until the Interspiro SCBA equipment reaches the end of its useful life cycle and needs to be replaced, anticipated in 2026.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan (Select Relevant Goals & Objectives)

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F. Environmental Impacts

None

G. Financial Impact

The average cost of the service and annual testing for the SCBA maintenance and annual testing is $15,000 and is included in the Annual Operating Budget.

H. In Consultation With

Serena Wilgress, Manager of Purchasing and Risk Management

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required.

J. Attached

Not applicable.
Respectfully submitted,

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