



# Staff Report

## Administration – Fire Department

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**Report To:** COW- Admin, Corp and Finance, SI, Comm. Services  
**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2026  
**Report Number:** ADM.26.023  
**Title:** Emergency Turbo Repairs to Rescue 281  
**Prepared by:** Cameron Smith, Deputy Fire Chief

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report ADM.26.023, entitled “Emergency Turbo Repairs to Rescue 281”;

AND THAT, as is required under section 11 of the Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy (POL.COR.07.05), Council acknowledges receipt of Staff Report ADM.26.023 for information purposes as notification of the emergency purchase for turbo repairs to Rescue 281, funded through the Fire Department Operating Budget.

### B. Overview

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Rescue 281 is the front-line Pumper Rescue for Station 2. The Turbo for the engine and the actuator both required replacement on or about February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as they failed, making the apparatus inoperable. Steer Enterprises Ltd. in Stayner completed the work on this apparatus.

### C. Background

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Rescue apparatus 281, is aging and as it does, it is susceptible to more repairs than a newer apparatus. This repair is a typical repair for fire apparatus of this age. As per the Purchasing Policy, staff are required to notify Council of any purchases that constitute an emergency, including the funding source, prior to the end of the quarter in which it occurred.

### D. Analysis

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When Rescue 281 broke down, staff reached out to Steer Enterprises Ltd. to investigate the cause of the breakdown. Once the cause was known, staff directed Steer to have the repair completed immediately, as this apparatus is a primary response vehicle from the Craigleith Fire Station. Staff utilized the “Procurement in Emergency” provisions of the Purchasing Policy.

## **E. Strategic Priorities**

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### **2. Organizational Excellence**

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

### **3. Community**

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

## **F. Environmental Impacts**

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None

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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The total financial impact of this project is \$14,577.83 before tax. The total of this project will be covered by utilizing the Fire Department's operating budget for Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance.

## **H. In Consultation With**

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Stephen Conn, Fire Chief  
Adam Smith, CAO  
Monica Quinlan, Director of Corporate and Financial Services

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Stephen Conn, Fire Chief [firechief@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:firechief@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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1. Invoice from Steer Enterprises Ltd.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen Conn  
Fire Chief

For more information, please contact:

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Steve Conn - Mar 24, 2026 - 10:09 AM**

**Adam Smith - Mar 31, 2026 - 9:38 AM**