

#### **2024 Budget Request**

Request: Compact Tractor Replacement (V234)

**Department: Community and Environmental Services** 

Request ID: CES2024BUDGET-C-01

Financial Ask: \$50,000

Funding Source: Capital - Equipment

This document and its attachments are public and available in an accessible format upon request.

#### **Background and Strategic Priority**

V234 is a 32-horsepower compact tractor used by facilities staff for various duties including trail maintenance, landscaping, snow removal, and athletic field maintenance. The tractor, a Kubota L3240 with front end loader, was originally purchased to support grass cutting, however additions to the zero-turn lawnmower fleet have allowed this equipment to be freed up for the aforementioned tasks. This year when in the shop for routine maintenance, mechanics identified an oil leak that would require removing the engine for repairs. Initial cost estimates for this repair would be more than \$10,000. Additional costs are a possibility as the problem will not be fully known until the motor is removed. This tractor has been parked until further direction.

## **Analysis**

V234 was purchased in 2009 primarily to support grass cutting around the Township.

It rapidly became a vital tool in respect to trail management and maintenance, being used to help grade and work on the Rail Trail in particular. Further, the unit has been used for supporting a range of landscape works across parks and open spaces. The tractor has also been used for, and is increasingly relied on, for support snow clearing activities across the Township by supporting snow removal, particularly at Shallow Lake Arena in addition to the work undertaken by the Operations team.



Due to the age of this equipment staff is recommending replacement as opposed to repairing. Replacement would be with a comparable compact tractor model with front end loader. V234 would be offered as a trade-in, or an advertisement placed on GovDeals.

## **Financial Impact**

Staff is requesting \$50,000 for the replacement of V234, Facilities Department's compact tractor. V234 would be offered as either a trade-in or sold via GovDeals with all proceeds being placed back in the Equipment reserve.



# **Report Approval Details**

Document Title:	2024 Budget Request Kubota Compact Tractor (V234) Replacement.docx
Attachments:	- Kubota L3240.jpg
Final Approval Date:	Nov 14, 2023

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

Samantha Buchanan, Treasurer

Niall Lobley, Director of Community Services



Photo 1: Kubota Tractor