



2024 Budget Request

Request: Purchase Replacement for M245 Chipper

Department: Community and Environmental Services

Request ID: CES2024BUDGET-C-02

Financial Ask: \$90,000

Funding Source: Capital - Equipment

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

Background and Strategic Priority

5. Deliver Effective and Cost-Efficient Services

The Township will strive to be a leader in municipal and customer service excellence. We will continue to offer remarkable service to those we serve. We will promote operational excellence by focusing on fiscal responsibility. The corporation will be fiscally prudent and we will invest in our staff to attract the best employees.

5.3 Exceed set targets for asset management planning.

(b) Define service levels for Township assets and maintain assets to meet levels of service

Roadside brushing is a key operation in maintaining the Township rights of way. Township staff utilize a chipper on a regular basis to removed fallen trees and branches, dangerous trees and to assist in clearing sight lines for safety.

The Townships current chipper M245 has been deemed unsafe to use moving forward as it is not equipped with the appropriate emergency stop equipment. M245 is a 1999 Vermeer DC1230A with a 12" feed capacity which was purchased used from Grey County in 2014.



Staff have been renting a chipper on an as needed basis since September.

Analysis

A chipper is considered an essential piece of equipment for the operations team. There has been an increased need for brushing activities as of late due to frequency and severity of storms as well as the increased amount of dying Ash trees.

The department has considered the potential of renting a chipper moving forward but have found that there is a regular day or two-day waiting period for an available chipper.

Emergency management has also been considered. If a severe storm impacts the Township, the department will be in competition with other corporations and citizens for available rental units. It is recommended that the Township own its own chipper.

The safety of Township staff is paramount and therefore the replacement of M245 shall be fitted with appropriate safety devices. It is recommended that the replacement be new and therefore not used to ensure the latest available safety technology is available and standard.

Financial Impact

The financial impact of a new chipper of similar operational capacity to M245 is \$90,000.

M245 should be deemed surplus and all proceeds on the sale of the equipment will be placed into reserves. There is no estimate on the current value of M245 and therefore will be determined by the market.



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

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