



City of  
**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the General Committee

**From:** Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations

**Meeting Date:** September 15, 2025

**Report:** Approval to Replace Specialized Work Truck, Report  
MOWAT25-008

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## **Subject**

A report to recommend budget approval to proceed with replacement of a Specialized Work Truck used in Water Services.

## **Recommendation**

That the General Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOWAT25-008, dated September 15, 2025, of the Commissioner of Municipal Operations, as follows:

That staff be authorized to proceed with replacement of a specialized work truck in Water Services, in the Water Utility Department, with an estimated cost of \$225,000.00, plus applicable HST of \$29,250.00, for a total project cost of \$254,250.00.

## **Executive Summary**

- The existing work truck is a 2000 GMC 3500 with a custom flatbed dump trailer that is primarily used to move granular material and asphalt to various sites to complete water infrastructure repair work. Due to age, the existing truck is experiencing ongoing mechanical issues and has a high risk of long-term inoperability.

- Funds are available in the approved 2025 Capital Budget for Water Services to accommodate replacement of the work truck due to several projects being completed below budget. Add that we will be tendering the procurement of the vehicle.

## Background

### Brief Description of the Work

The specialized work truck is an integral part of the City's maintenance and repair program for watermain and water service infrastructure and is primarily used for moving granular backfill material as well as surface treatments including asphalt to facilitate water infrastructure repairs including watermain, water services and valves. The existing unit has reached the end-of-life cycle and is due for replacement.

The work truck will require a suitable flatbed to be installed that allows for various functions including dumping and sluicing material as well as incorporating a dust cover for transportation.

### Climate Change

Staff continue to review opportunities to source alternate fuel vehicles. At present, the available vehicles to be purchased do not have alternate fuel options that meet the power and service requirements. Should such a vehicle become available in the future, the City can alter the specification for future purchases of this type of vehicle.

## Strategic Plan

Strategic Pillar: Infrastructure

Strategic Priority: Continue to invest in lower carbon footprint initiatives which support the City's unique biodiversity to ensure the sustainability of our future.

This report is linked to the infrastructure strategic pillar in the 2023-2050 Strategic Plan. The strategic priority of this pillar includes continuing to invest in lower carbon footprint initiatives which support the City's unique biodiversity to ensure the sustainability of our future.

## Engagement and Consultation

Fleet Services continues to look at alternative ways to reduce GHGs through consultation with neighbouring municipalities, industry experts and suppliers, to deliver a cost effective, efficient operation with minimal risk, while reducing the impacts on our environment.

## Budget and Financial Implications

The net requirement of \$228,960.00, after applicable HST rebates, can be accommodated within the approved 2025 Capital Budget (Budget Reference #25-068) for Distribution Rehabilitation.

## Conclusion

The recommendation reinforces the City of Peterborough's commitment to a future marked by growth and environmentally conscious decision making. This procurement will provide the City with necessary vehicles to maintain and grow infrastructure, while transitioning to appropriate alternate fuel heavy-duty vehicles in the future.

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