



NIAGARA REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE

Police Services Board Report

PUBLIC AGENDA

Subject: Purchase Order Issuance to Lightning Equipment Sales Inc.
Report To: Chair and Members, Niagara Police Services Board
Report Date: 2021-07-13

Recommendation(s)

That the Niagara Police Services Board approve the issuance of a \$200,000 purchase order for Lightning Equipment Sales Inc. for the annual purchase of various special equipment installed in police vehicles.

Key Facts

- Police vehicles require the installation of various pieces of specialized equipment in order to meet operational needs and maintain compliance with legislation.
- Lightning Equipment Sales Inc., located in Burlington Ontario, is the territorial distributor for emergency warning lights, sirens and compartment barriers and is therefore, the sole source supplier available to the Service.
- The Service is anticipating purchasing up to \$200,000 in specialized equipment for the 2021 year.
- As per Board By-Law 384-2019 Financial Reporting, Control and Procurement, the awarding of a sole source contract that exceeds \$150,000 per annum and requires the approval of the Police Services Board.

Financial Considerations

The expenditure of specialized equipment, such as emergency warning lights, installed in Service vehicles is included in the annual capital and operating budget.

There is no financial impact resulting from the approval of the recommendation. Upon approval, the purchase order will be electronically approved by the Finance Manager who is assigned as Board proxy within the Peoplesoft financial system. This Board report will serve as the authorization required by the Finance Manager to approve and submit the purchase order to the supplier.

The purchase order value for 2021 is based on historical spending patterns from prior years.

Analysis

The equipment used by the NRPS to outfit various types of police vehicles has been selected as the result of previous evaluations and approved for use to meet the requirements for vehicles used by the Service, specific to the vehicle's application (i.e., K9, patrol, specialty, and investigative).

Equipment purchased from Lightning Equipment Sales Inc. includes, but is not limited to, emergency lights (roof light-bars, side/front mounted emergency lights) and controller modules, MWS mounts, prisoner, cargo and K9 compartment barriers, and sirens. The installation of this equipment is required to meet Provincial Adequacy Standards for police vehicles and allow the vehicle to operate safely and properly for its intended use.

Lightning Equipment Sales Inc., as the exclusive regional distributor for this area of Ontario, is the primary vendor capable of providing the selected equipment to the Service.

Alternatives Reviewed

None proposed.

Relationship to Police Service/Board Strategic Priorities

Police vehicles outfitted with the approved and appropriate equipment allows the Service to be compliant with legislation and perform mandated policing responsibilities.

Relevant Policy Considerations

Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board By-Law 384-2019-Financial Reporting, Control and Procurement of Goods and Services in the Niagara Regional Police Service.

Other Pertinent Reports

Not Applicable.

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Appendices

None.