

# Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

## Request for Decision (RFD)

**Meeting:** Regular Meeting of Council  
**Meeting Date:** June 24, 2025  
**Originated By:** Monty Doonanco, Director, Infrastructure Services  
**Title:** Equipment Purchase – Excavator Mulching Head

### **PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND**

Infrastructure Services is asking Council to fund the unbudgeted capital purchase of an excavator mulching head to aid in the M.D. road brushing program.

### **DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS**

Infrastructure Services is looking at innovative initiatives to assist in the operations of the department.

Brushing vegetation away from the roads allows roads to dry more quickly when wet, improves visibility for drivers, improves snow removal operations and lessens the issues of trees falling on the roads.

The M.D. has an annual brushing program that removes the trees and shrubs from the road allowance to aid in the functionality of the roadway. Currently, the majority of this program is contracted out to an external source.

Infrastructure Services believes that this program could be self-performed if the proper equipment was purchased. M.D. crews would perform the brushing operations in-house and thereby reduce the operational costs of tendering this program out, while keeping the M.D. crews busy during non-peak operational periods.

Infrastructure Services has received some budgetary quotes for this equipment and, if approved, will procure the equipment as per the M.D. Procurement Policy.

### **REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

N/A

### **REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

Applicable Procurement Law.

## **COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING**

Unbudgeted expenditure of \$100,000.00 to be funded by Cash Flow Reserves.

## **COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

Communication via M.D. Council minutes posted on the M.D. website.

## **ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION**

THAT Council approves an unbudgeted expenditure in the amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of an excavator mulching head, to be funded from Cash Flow Reserves.

## **COUNCIL OPTIONS**

1. THAT Council approves an unbudgeted expenditure in the amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of an excavator mulching head, to be funded from Cash Flow Reserves.
2. THAT Council approves an unbudgeted expenditure in the amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of an excavator mulching head, to be funded from \_\_\_\_\_.
3. THAT Council denies the request by Administration for an unbudgeted expenditure in the amount of \$100,000 for the purchase of an excavator mulching head.
4. THAT Council refers the request to purchase an excavator mulching head back to Administration for additional information regarding \_\_\_\_\_ and to bring it back to a future meeting of Council.

**Report Approval Details**

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

Stephanie Severin