

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Request for Decision

Date: September 9, 2024	File: 530.20/Rpts
To: Council	From: T. Buchanan, Corporate Officer
Re: Truck Donations and Transfers re: Sales Tax	
<p><u>Recommendation:</u> <i>THAT Council instructs Staff to reimburse the tax expenses that Mayor Stamer incurred as part of the vehicle transfer in the amount of \$911.88; and THAT Council authorizes the tax expense payment of \$1,089.36 incurred for the donation of a 2005 Toyota Tacoma Pick-up Truck to the District of Barriere.</i></p>	

Purpose

For Council to approve the tax expense coverage for the donation of a vehicle from Dustin Doherty, and the tax expense resulting from a transfer of a previously donated vehicle from Mayor Stamer, back to Mayor Stamer.

Background

As previously reported at the August 12, 2024 Council Meeting, Dustin Doherty has offered to donate a 2005 Toyota Tacoma Pick-up Truck to the District of Barriere in lieu of a tax receipt, which was subsequently approved by Council. ICBC rules have recently changed and for vehicle gifts or donations not made to a direct family member, tax expense are now incurred on the Blue Book value as determined by ICBC. This has resulted in a fee of \$1,089.36 to be paid by the District in order to complete the transfer. Should Council still wish to accept the donation, a resolution authorizing the expense is appropriate.

In addition, Mayor Stamer donated a pickup Truck for District use several years ago. As part of the transfer at that time, no tax payments were required as it was deemed a gift and ICBC rules allowed for such a transfer. As the District no longer has need for this particular vehicle in its current condition, it was transferred back into Mayor Stamer’s name. However, with the new ICBC rules regarding gifting to non-family members, Mayor Stamer was required to pay \$911.88 for taxes. Staff is proposing to re-imburse Mayor Stamer for this tax amount. If Council supports this approach, a resolution authorizing the expense is also appropriate.

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Alternative Options

1. Council could choose to reconsider accepting the donation of the 2005 Toyota Tacoma Truck from Mr. Doherty.
2. Council could choose to not reimburse Mayor Stamer for the tax expense incurred by the re-transfer of the previously donated vehicle from Mayor Stamer.

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