



PIID PIVFD Trustee's Report April 2018

New Fire Truck

On Friday March 9th, Fire Chief Cruise contacted me and mentioned there was a fire truck on BC Bid that we might want to look into. Derrek Morrison went up-island the next day to have a look at it. He then came to the 4X4 fire truck meeting to let us know what he thought and to provide pictures. Tony Kaul, Steve Cruise, Derek Morrison, Gerry Kristianson and I had a discussion about the fire truck and agreed that we should at least bid on it. We all agreed that we would have a maximum bid of \$10,199, but only after the hub pump mechanic had a look at the old tender, as he was already scheduled to come over on March 13th. As well, we needed to report this to PIID Trustee, Charlie Troger, and get his approval to proceed.

The mechanic said parts for the tender are hard to come by without doing custom replacements, the truck was leaking because the seals were worn, and the tank had multiple pin holes leaks caused by corrosion over the years. In his opinion, this truck should be replaced.

Bidding closed at 7:00 p.m. on March 14th and Lenny Green had a winning bid of \$9,100.00

We knew there would be extra cost for most firefighters to get their air brakes ticket and that we would need an exhaust system put into the fire hall.

So, in the end we paid \$10,192.00 for the truck after taxes. If every firefighter gets their air brakes ticket, that will come to \$3,000.00 and the exhaust system will come in right around \$1,000.00 bringing the rough total to \$14,192. This leaves us with \$118,188.76 left in the 'capital renewal reserve fund'.

As this truck at auction was an exceptional vehicle for a very reasonable price, and had to be acted upon on short notice, the Trustees approved the purchase in principle, prior to voting on a motion at the April 24, 2018 meeting.

Thank you to the following for the acquisition and delivery of the fire truck:

- Lenny Green for locating and bidding via an on-line auction
- Brent Schorr for arranging the paperwork and financing in record time
- Derek Morrison for inspecting the truck prior to bidding and for transporting it from Duncan to our compound
- Willis Rooke for barging the truck to Piers Island free of charge
- Mike Dunn, Chief, Maple Bay Fire Department

Submitted by: Greg Miller
Piers Island Volunteer Fire Department Trustee