



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Will Pearce, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 1280-01  
**PC:** Debra Law, Director, Financial Services **DATE:** August 3, 2022  
**FROM:** James Rice, Director, Operation Services  
**SUBJECT: SPECIALIZED ENFORCEMENT UNIT – PATROL VEHICLE PURCHASE**

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Administration is recommending that Council consider the purchase of a new Specialized Enforcement Unit (SEU) vehicle for the Protective Services Department.

In 2021, Council approved the addition of two full time Traffic and SEU officers who started in June of 2021. The two additional officers have been using a rental vehicle to perform their duties. The current rental cost of this vehicle is \$1,650 per month, an increase of 28.5% over last year.

A fully equipped, City owned SEU patrol vehicle (see photos below) has significant advantages over a rental vehicle including:

- Full Bylaw Compliance decal package;
- Full emergency lighting kit with light bar and arrow stick;
- Alley lights and high visibility corner strobe lights; and
- In-vehicle mobile data terminal.

These additions allow officers to efficiently address and complete files in the field and to safely respond and assist other agencies during emergency events, road closures or emergency scene traffic control.



City of Vernon SEU Patrol Vehicle



SEU Patrol Vehicle – Mobile Data Terminal

The estimated cost of a SEU patrol vehicle is \$66,000 and could be funded by the 2021 Unexpended Uncommitted remaining balance of \$217,010. The operating cost of a new SEU vehicle, including replacement, is estimated at \$1,450 per month and would be offset by the existing budget used for the current rental vehicle. If approved by Council, future life cycle replacements of the SEU patrol vehicle would be funded through the Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Reserve.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive the memorandum titled "Specialized Enforcement Unit – Patrol Vehicle Purchase" dated August 3, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Director, Operation Services;

AND FURTHER, that Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$66,000 for the purchase of a specialized enforcement unit patrol vehicle to be funded from the 2021 Unexpended Uncommitted balance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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