
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 16, 2004
File No.: 1280-01

To: City Manager

From: Director of Works & Utilities

Subject: PURCHASE OF SIDEWALK SWEEPER/SCRUBBER

Report Prepared by: Dale Beaudry, Roads & Equipment Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the purchase of a sidewalk/scrubber for the Downtown Kelowna Association for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

AND THAT the 2004 Financial Plan be amended to include \$60,000 for this purchase. Funding to be from the Street Cleaning Averaging Reserve.

DISCUSSION:

On August 16, 2004 the City entered into a partnership agreement with the Downtown Kelowna Association (DKA) to rent a sidewalk sweeper/scrubber from Tennant for a one month period. During this rental period the machine was used at various locations within the downtown core. There was a noticeable difference in the cleanliness of the sidewalks and inter-locking brick.

The DKA have committed to providing an operator and paying the maintenance and operating costs if the City purchases a sidewalk scrubber and guarantees the DKA \$12,000 worth of work annually. The guaranteed work will include cleaning the Queensway Transit Mall bi-weekly (April 1 – October 31), cleaning the parkades monthly (January 1 – December 31) and cleaning the City Park and Water Front Park Promenades weekly (April 1 – October 31).

Understanding the DKA is responsible for the cleanliness of the sidewalks and boulevards we are recommending this purchase because of the City's interest in ensuring that the downtown is maintained to the highest standard, which can be achieved in partnership with the DKA.

We estimate the life of this machine to be approximately seven years, based on 600 hours utilization per year. It is reasonable to expect we will be approached to replace the unit at the end of its life.

John Vos, P. Eng.
Director of Works & Utilities

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Cc: Manager of Budget & Systems