

COUNCIL AUTHORITY FOR CONTRACT AWARDS

Project Award	Metrolinx Transit Procurement Initiative (TPI) for the purchase of conventional transit buses.
Recommendation	Staff is recommending the 12 metre conventional transit bus contract be awarded to Nova Bus through the Metrolinx Transit Procurement Initiative (TPI), for the supply and delivery of seven (7) 12 metre conventional transit buses and associated diagnostic software in the total amount of \$5,376,827 (exclusive of HST).
Purpose of Report	As per Section 10.1 of Purchasing By-law No. 061-2018, Council approval is required.
Background information	<p>In 2019, Council approved participation in the Metrolinx Transit Procurement Initiative (TPI), with the execution of a Multi-Year Governance Agreement for a 5-year term (2019-2024) via CORS-076-19. The Town has benefitted from participating in the Metrolinx TPI by collaborating with agencies to obtain favourable pricing and timely delivery of quality goods and services. Past procurements with Metrolinx TPI include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit buses of varying sizes • Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) • Onboard Vehicle Surveillance Systems (OBVSS) • Consulting services for Fleet Electrification Strategy <p>Metrolinx released a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase of 12 metre conventional transit buses on September 18, 2020, closing on November 13, 2020. Upon completion of the evaluation and steering committee approval process, a three-year contract was awarded to Nova Bus in January 2021.</p> <p>The 2024 Capital Budget includes three (3) transit bus purchases to support end-of-life vehicle replacement schedules to maintain service reliability and accessibility. Vehicle condition assessments for replacement units were based on Altoona-tested industry reporting for structural integrity, where applicable. The 2024 Capital Budget also includes the acquisition of four (4) vehicles to facilitate fixed-route service growth in Boyne, starting in September 2025.</p> <p>Given current vehicle production and delivery timelines spanning 12-18 months, it remains beneficial to advance this procurement in order to facilitate fixed-route conventional services in a timely matter, subject to finalization of the 2024 Budget.</p> <p>Conventional buses procured will be diesel-powered. However,</p>

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	<p>future consideration for changes in vehicle propulsion technology (e.g. battery electric) will be evaluated as part of the Transit Fleet Electrification Strategy that is currently in progress. This strategy will provide recommendations through business case analysis, service feasibility and the identification of associated infrastructure requirements for the potential transition to a battery-electric transit fleet.</p> <p>Through this contract, the Town is to procure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven (7) 12 metre conventional transit buses from Nova Bus at a cost of \$765,212 per unit • Vehicle diagnostic software from Nova Bus at a cost of \$20,341 <p>All prices are exclusive of HST and associated vehicle equipment.</p>
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Financial Planning Section: Budget Impact (Note 1)

Account Number(s)	C56012024-A0631-7110	C57010324-A0631-7110
Account Description	Conventional Transit-12 Metre Bus-Replacement	Conventional Transit-12 Metre Bus-Growth
Project Total Budget	\$2,745,073	\$3,660,097
Contract Budget (Note 2)	\$2,559,000	\$3,412,000
Actual (Net of HST Rebate)	\$2,356,738	\$3,114,719
Variance (Note 3)	\$202,262 (F)	\$297,281 (F)
Funding Source	Project Variance Account	Project Variance Account, Development Charges

Note 1: Financial impact includes any non-refundable portion of HST

Note 2: The above award is subject to the finalization of the 2024 Capital Budget.

Note 3: Staff is requesting that the favorable variance remain in the project to accommodate Metrolinx Contract Fee, contingency and bus specification changes during the preproduction process.