



TEMISKAMING SHORES FIRE DEPT

Difficult Access & Wildland Fire Response

ABSTRACT

You find yourself in the remote backcountry due to work or recreation, firefighters need to be able to get to you in your time of need. Whether you live in the country or the city, wildland fires and flash floods have an impact on everyone.

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Executive Summary

The Temiskaming Shores Fire Department – Station 1 (TS1FD) is the primary provider of wildland fire service within the City of Temiskaming Shores and the first call for surrounding townships and villages in the District of Timiskaming should they need additional resources. The Temiskaming Shores Fire Department is comprised of approximately 75 volunteer firefighters. The volunteer members are highly trained structural and wildland firefighters that respond to approximately 160 calls for service a year and cover a territory of approximately 176.67 km².

The City of Temiskaming Shores has vast amounts of remote wilderness and waterways that are enjoyed all year round by countless citizens and visitors for recreation, hunting/fishing and work. Large portions of these remote areas are only accessible by means other than roads, such as ATVs, snowmobiles, hiking and aircraft.

It is the unfortunate reality that fires, set intentionally, accidentally or by mother nature, happen and people become trapped in these remote areas at a moment's notice. Occasionally, first responders are not able to reach the scene of the emergency with traditional fire trucks and must find other means of reaching the person(s) and property. Responding to these types of Emergencies always comes with numerous complex issues that must be addressed and overcome in an expedient manner.

Currently, when a call for service in these remote areas comes in, the Temiskaming Shores Fire Department responds on foot and must rely on other agencies such as the OPP Helicopter from Orillia and the Ontario Fire Rangers from North Bay or Sudbury. The Temiskaming Shores Fire Department does not possess specialized equipment to respond to remote areas. In an emergency, every second counts and relying on these agencies can cause various issues and they may not be able to respond in a timely manner or at all. The equipment the OPP and Ministry agencies have are not properly outfitted to allow the fire service to bring the vital equipment to the scene of an emergency.

The members of the Haileybury Firefighters Association have kick-started this project by receiving a donated 2007 ARGO Body from Boart Longyear and are reaching out for assistance from various organizations with interests of the City of Temiskaming Shores & the surrounding areas in our goal of creating an off-road vehicle and trailer to be able to respond to calls for service in these difficult to reach locations. This vehicle would be retrofitted and purposed built to transport firefighters and equipment safely into an emergency scene. The vehicle would be based on the Aurora Responder 8x8 utility vehicle that would allow for custom-built storage to be installed on the back to carry gear, forestry hose, and pumps. Capable of being used with both wheels and a removable track system this vehicle will be designed to be used in all seasons and conditions that the North experiences.

Specialized equipment of this nature does not fall under the conventional firefighting apparatus and the City of Temiskaming Shores has not received any funding for this. Therefore, as the members of the Haileybury Firefighters Association would be the primary users, we are reaching out to various community partners to help us reach our goal and allow us to be able to bring effective firefighting and remote rescue response to serve the public despite the geographical challenges.

To show our appreciation for any help your organization may be able to provide, once the vehicle and trailer are purchased, company logos can be applied to the exterior of the trailer if desired. The trailer and vehicle will then be on display at community events throughout the District for years to come. Local media will also be contacted upon delivery of the vehicle and a press release will be put out thanking the donors and explaining the project. TSFD is also willing to assist donors where possible to allow companies to receive exposure for their donations. We expect this vehicle to have a minimum life span of 20 years making it a long-term investment for the City and District of Timiskaming.

Mission Statement

To provide an emergency response in a timely and safe manner to both person(s) and property no matter the geographical location.

Objective

The main objective of this project is to give the volunteer firefighters the proper equipment needed to quickly and safely reach person(s) and property that require help in the remote regions of Temiskaming Shores & the surrounding areas that cannot be reached by a conventional fire truck without having to rely on other agencies.

Needs Assessment

Each year Temiskaming Shores Fire Department sees increasing number of calls for service in remote areas of the district and the current means of reaching these remote areas are no longer effective. Currently when a call comes in for these remote areas, a lot of time is spent trying to determine what resources are available to respond to the specific area of the district. There are 25 different Fire Departments spread throughout the District of Timiskaming, all with varying levels of service they are able to provide. All of the Departments with the exception of 1 are strictly volunteer departments. Few of these departments have Off-road Vehicles, but this equipment is outdated and often only able to respond to calls within their coverage area and would not be able to respond to a large majority of the District.

If this issue is not addressed, there will always be complex issues that are faced when emergencies occur in the remote regions of the City and Timiskaming District, which will cause delays and potential risks for a greater loss of person(s) and property.

Description of Organization

Overview

The Temiskaming Shores Fire Department provides excellent service to our community and making a difference in the lives of the people we serve. I know that through the efforts of our members, our interventions are enhancing and changing our community one life at a time.

The department has always been committed to the protection of life and property, the reduction of damage to the environment due to fires, hazardous materials, natural disasters, and other emergencies. This is accomplished by the effective and efficient utilization of professionally trained and competent personnel, resources, equipment, and technology.

We are a department driven by values, which are to serve our community with passion, respect, quality, and integrity. The men and women of the department are proud to serve the City of Temiskaming Shores and stand ready to provide the highest level of service possible. Constant training, evaluation, and excellent equipment ensure that personnel are always ready to serve

Company Ownership/Legal Entity

Temiskaming Shores Fire Department is operated under the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores

Location

Main office

325 Farr Drive
Haileybury, ON
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(705) 672-3363
temiskamingshores.ca

Hours of Operation

Business Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30

Emergency Services

24-hour coverage, 7 days a week

Appendix

Project Costs

Table 1.1

<u>Phase 1</u>	
2023 Kubota RTV-X1140 Responder	\$34,553.19
- Roll Over Protection System	\$2,512.37
- Camso UTV 4SI Track System	\$7,498.34
- Misc Labour & Emergency Lighting	\$2,013.67
Freight & PDI & Licencing	\$2,095.00
HST	\$6,327.43
Total	\$55,000.00

<u>Phase 2</u>	
2024 Haul-About Enclosed Trailer & Command Center	\$18,799.25
- Solar & Generator Combo	\$2,671.99
- LED Lighting & Electric Awning	\$2,181.47
- Full Length Heavy Duty E-Track & Accessories	\$896.71
Freight & PDI & Licencing	\$1,999.25
HST	\$3,451.33
Total	\$30,000.00

Current Donations

Donor	Amount
Frog's Breath Foundation	\$25,000.00
TC Energy Phase 1	\$20,000.00
TC Energy Phase 2	\$10,000.00
Doug Niemi Trucking	\$5,000.00
Enbridge	\$5,000.00
Anonymous Donation (Sale of Old Machines)	\$2,200.00
Anonymous Donation	\$2,000.00
Paul Ayotte Insurance	\$2,000.00
Brownlee Equipment	\$1,000.00
Devil's Rock Tackle Company	\$1,000.00
Kubota Canada	\$1,000.00
MCK Temiskaming Shores	\$1,000.00
Mid North Recycling	\$1,000.00
Temiskaming Shores Rotary Club	\$1,000.00
Anonymous Donation	\$500.00
Dependable Fire Trucks	\$500.00
Forefront Heating and Air	\$500.00
G. Belanger Construction	\$500.00
New Liskeard Lions Club	\$500.00
Phippen Waste Management	\$500.00
NCFM	\$300.00
Grant Home Hardware	\$200.00
Tracy Lonsdale	\$100.00
#1 Auto	In Kind
D&R Electronics	In Kind
EJ Enterprises	In Kind
Electronic North/The Brick	In Kind
Northern Signs	In Kind
Speedy Glass	In Kind

*as of September 10, 2024.

Figures

Figure 1.1



Figure 1.2



Contact Information

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