

VEHICLE REQUEST FORM

DATE OF REQUEST: 2025
CLASSIFICATION: Compact, Hybrid Pickup Truck
DIVISION: By-law Enforcement
DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services
LOCATION: Administration Office

General Purpose:

As the By-law Enforcement Division continues to see an increase in public requests for services there is a need for a second vehicle.

Background:

The Township currently has between two and four By-law Enforcement Officers on shift during the workday with some scheduled evening and weekend shifts. During the winter, Officers adjust their shifts to enforce winter parking rules between 4 am and 9 am. While Officers can occasionally use their personal vehicles for work, having a marked Township vehicle with the necessary safety lights is required for most of their work. With the increase in complaints, officers have a need for a second Township vehicle.

During the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 winters, Recreation and Community Services was able to let Officers use a pickup truck, but this truck is not available during their busy summers.

Justification:

The proposed vehicle is a new addition to the Enforcement Services fleet, currently comprised of one small, hybrid SUV. In alignment with our commitment to environmental sustainability and operational efficiency, staff have undertaken a comprehensive assessment of available vehicle options to support our fleet needs. This review prioritized cost-effectiveness, environmental impact and operational needs, leading to the identification of the Ford Maverick Hybrid as the optimal choice. As the only vehicle in it's class, the Ford Maverick Hybrid was selected based on the following criteria:

- **Lowest Purchase Cost:** The Ford Maverick Hybrid is in a unique class as a compact pickup truck which presented the most competitive purchase price among the alternatives, making it a fiscally responsible choice for our fleet.
- **Best Fuel Economy:** With a combined fuel economy of 6 liters per 100 km, the Ford Maverick Hybrid significantly outperforms other options in terms of fuel efficiency, which will contribute to long-term operational savings.
- **Utility:** A compact pickup truck would allow for more versatility for picking up smelly, dirty or bulky items without the need wait for or disrupt other departments by borrowing their vehicles during busy seasons.

- **Environmental Impact:** This hybrid vehicle has the potential to substantially lower our corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Compared to a gas-powered vehicle of similar size, the Ford Maverick Hybrid is projected to reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 1.7 tons annually. This would directly support the Township's commitment to reduce our carbon footprint and reaching the Region's 80x50 and 50x30 climate commitments.

Financial Implications:

This vehicle was included in the Development Charges background study for purchase in 2024 or 2025. As such, funding of \$45,000 will be allocated from the Development Charges Reserve Fund.