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Subject: Concerned Statements at Oshawa city council meeting being ignored.

Hello

We feel the approval for the fast response truck was presented to Oshawa city council with false information. We spoke to the Oshawa Fire Chief and he stated over a phone conversation that there would be no new hires to operate the fast response truck. Then the council was told it would require two fire fighters per shift.

Forward to a city council meeting in January 2023 in which Peter Dyson spoke to council and then city council approved the hiring of four fire fighters per shift for this fast response truck. Councilor's Gray and Tito-Dante Marimpietri spoke up on the information given to council to get this truck approved.

Oshawa city council could have approved a full size suppression vehicle with the same fire fighters needed to operate the smaller vehicle. This is an issue that has been ignored while these councilors spoke out in council and it has been ignored since.

The residents of Oshawa have a right to know about this if everyone had been honest from the start and stated they would need four fire fighters per shift, would the truck that got approval been different. We will never know.

What was stated at city council meeting. January 2023.

During the meeting Councillor Tito-Dante Marimpietri stated " What is the number that we need, it keeps changing. So we are in the situation we are in today. This is a result of us not being honest with each other and saying what we need. "

Also, during the same meeting Councilor Gray stated "The former City Manager was touting this a solution because it meant we only had to hire two firefighters per shift. Why do we now have to have four instead of two. Thats a big change. If we are going to be staffing at a level of four, versus a pumper. We might as well not have bought this vehicle and bought a pumper that supplements our force.

Why is this being ignored in council...

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