



## INFORMATION REQUEST

**REQUESTED BY:** Councillor Gillett

**TOPIC:** Contractor Costs - Amphibious Machine

**DATE OF REQUEST:** November 7, 2023

**DATE OF RESPONSE:** November 8, 2023

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### QUESTION:

What was the cost of contracting previous amphibious machine work?

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### Response

Drainage staff have contracted with Seahorse Aquatic in 2021, 2022, and 2023 to perform various maintenance tasks in stormwater management facilities with their amphibious equipment. The Drainage section of Public Works spent \$75,000 in each of these years for this service.

### Background

Removing weed growth, sediment, algae blooms, and vegetation from stormwater management ponds are labour intensive operations for our Drainage crew and owning the right equipment is essential to complete work in a timely and efficient manner. The City maintains approximately 50 stormwater management facilities.

### Financial Implications/Taxation Impact

A business case for the purchase of an amphibious machine was submitted for consideration in 2024 at a cost of \$240,000 to be funded by the Stormwater Utility. In 2024, the contracted dollars remain as the new equipment is estimated to arrive later in the year based on current supply timelines. Future contracted services dollars will be phased out as internal maintenance catches up with backlog of stormwater management activities.

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