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New Equipment for Altona Water Works

Altona, MB. October 25, 2023:

The Town of Altona Public Utilities department has replaced a vital part of their fleet.

The upgraded Vac (Vacuum) truck will soon be seen in action throughout the streets of Altona, maintaining the efficiency of our local sewer lines. The previous truck (sometimes called "Big Red") was a single axle 2005 Sterling with a Vactor 2100i kit. After the many years it was in use, the frequency of repairs proved a newer vehicle would be more cost effective. This truck was traded in for a 2016 Kenworth with a Vactor 2100 Plus kit and tandem axle. It features a larger debris body and a greater capacity for water storage. This capital upgrade was

budgeted for within the 2022 Financial Plan, and the \$400,000 purchase price fell within that budget. This larger dark blue truck should serve the community for at least 15 years.

The vac truck is an essential part of waste management as it preserves the function of Altona's sewer mains, allowing for waste to be smoothly sent to the waste water treatment plant and minimizing clogged plumbing. This vehicle will also be used for hydro excavation, a non-destructive and more accurate way to remove soil and locate underground utilities. With Altona's growing population, an upgrade was needed to maintain the speed and effectiveness of these processes.

"This new truck with its larger waste tank capacity and water storage, allows us here at the Public Utilities department to spend more time on the work tasks and less time loading and unloading water and waste, which in turn means more efficiency on job completion, something the Town strives for."

- Jackson Enns, Public Utilities Foreman

"Council is very happy to support this upgrade. We want to make sure our utilities department has the right equipment to get the job done and serve the community for years to come."

- Mayor Harv Schroeder, Altona

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