



ISSUE PAPER

Parks & Recreation

Budget Year: 2026

Issue Paper No.: REC-02-26

Description: Issue Paper – Mower Replacement

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Purpose: Secure funding to replace a lawnmower for the Parks, Recreation and Facilities department as per Cramahe Townships Asset Management Plan.

Background:

The department maintains 29 properties throughout Cramahe Township. This is completed by five different employees in four 8-hour working days.

Lawnmowers use to complete these tasks were manufactured in 2013, 2021, and 2024.

Cramahe Townships Asset Management Plan has a useful life cycle of 7 years on these mowers. This means the 2013 mower was at the end of its useful life as of 2020 and has been stretched another 5 years. It is in very rough shape and repair costs are continually increasing.

The department currently does not have a mower with material collection systems. This type of unit would save time and money while increasing the level of service at all properties maintained.

Financial Impact:

\$40,000 would secure this vehicle through Municipal pricing and the Townships Procurement Policy.

Recommended Source of Funding:

Taxation.

Risk Considerations:

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Safety Risks

- Operator injury due to mechanical failure
- Higher vibration exposure from worn components, increasing risk of hand–arm vibration issues.
- Increased likelihood of fire from overheating engines, leaking fuel lines, or electrical shorts.

Operational and Service-Delivery Risks

- Unexpected downtime from frequent breakdowns, disrupting mowing schedules and service-level commitments.
- Inability to maintain standards of lawn appearance, leading to user complaints or reputational damage.
- Lower staff morale, as employees often view unreliable tools as a sign of poor support.

Financial and Budget Risks

- Higher repair costs that exceed the economic life of the machine (“running it to failure”).
- Cost spikes from emergency repairs rather than planned replacements.
- Difficulty locating parts for older models resulting in repair delay and increased cost.

Impact on Member Municipalities/Partners:

None.

Alignment with the Strategic Plan Pillar:

Growth Through Diversity

Ensuring that infrastructure assets meet the emerging needs of our growing community

Environmental Resilience

Reducing environmental impacts

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