SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

ITEM 1 OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS DATED JANUARY 30, 2024, REGARDING CAPITAL BUDGET FIRST CHARGE – 2024 FLEET ASSET ACQUISITION CAPITAL BUDGET

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Comments in writing: PW 1 Truck prices are rising, and availability may be poor. Sadly this is happening when city funds have run low. There is no mention in this report of any consideration by staff of any delay of any of the more mundane purchases. Why not? The marketplace is telling us that the product is not plentiful. This is the perfect year to consider stretching out the life of vehicles. Most taxpayers are doing this. Be skeptical when staff use pressure to get shiny new vehicles, when the ones they have now are newer and prettier than what taxpayers now drive.
The report suggests that if a new pickup cannot be delivered on time, the city will go to the rental market. What are the consequences of staff simply using a truck for another few months? How old are these trucks that staff are so urgently replacing? This information has not been provided by staff. Why?

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