

Municipal District of St. Stephen
RFQ # MDSS26-01
Tender – ADDENDUM # 1
MDSS26-01A - One -2026 1/4-Ton WD Access Cab Truck
Closing Date: April 14, 2026 2:00 pm Atlantic

Please be advised that The Municipal District of St. Stephen (MDSS) issues the following Addendum # 1 with respect to Tender No. **MDSS26-01A One -2026 1/4-Ton WD Access Cab Truck.**

This addendum deals only with specification issues related to MDSS26-01A -2026 1/4 Ton WD Access Cab Truck and is not applicable to the Two -2026 3/4-Ton HD 4X4 Heavy Duty Regular Cab, Long-Wheelbase, Plow Compatible Trucks proposed as MDSS26-01B

Following Questions were asked:

1. Question asked:

1. The requirement for an **access cab configuration** alongside a **6 ft box** and specific drivetrain setup significantly limits available options in the current Canadian market and would alternative cab configurations (e.g., double cab) will be accepted if all other functional requirements are met.

Response:

MDSS will permit a Quad Cab or Double Cab configuration as an alternative to the Access Cab Configuration provided a 6-foot minimum box size is maintained.

2. Question asked:

1. Items such as **automatic locking hubs** and **circuit breakers instead of fuses** are generally not used in modern pickup truck design. Will equivalent modern systems (e.g., electronic 4WD in place of locking hubs) will be considered compliant

Response:

Standard 4 WD systems will be considered and Item # 15 Circuit breakers instead of fuses is removed as either design will be permitted.

In addition, the following change with respect to specifications for the 1/4 ton truck is being made:

Item # 10 on page 32 which reads “10. Front Wheel automatic locking hubs” is removed as it is duplicating Item # 3 which reads “Automatic front wheel locking hubs”.

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3. Question asked:

If the intent is to allow **equivalent or better specifications**, even where terminology differs from current OEM standards

Response

“Equivalent or better specifications” is not a term used in the tender document.

Where specifications allow for a change in specifications for an item that is equivalent to the item specified, the equivalent must meet SAE standards. Where OEM standards meet or exceed SAE standards, then the OEM standard is acceptable if it otherwise meets the requirement for the item specified in the tender document or as modified by any addenda issued.

4. Question asked:

Clarification on **box size requirements** – specifically whether the minimum 6 ft box is mandatory or if equivalent configurations (based on overall vehicle capability and payload) would be considered acceptable

Response:

Minimum box size of 6 feet is required.

5. Question asked:

Clarification on **engine requirements** – whether the minimum 2.4L specification is intended to be strict, or if equivalent or higher-performing engines (including smaller displacement turbocharged engines or larger naturally aspirated engines) will be accepted as compliant

Response:

Compliant engines would be accepted provided documentation provided with the quotation show that they provide an equivalent horsepower and torque as the 2.4 litre engine

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6. Question asked:

Certain specifications (e.g., exact tire size, “HD” component labeling) may unintentionally restrict equivalent or superior modern alternatives.

Response:

Questions need to be specific as to the question being asked and the specific item that the proponent needs clarification on or is requesting a change for.

This question does mention two items

17” tire size – The tire size was chosen as it meets the operational needs of the MDSS for this vehicle and will remain as stated.

HD component labelling:

HD specifications are listed as they meet the operational needs of the MDSS for this vehicle. If modern alternatives are available they may be considered provided they can be shown in the quotation provided that they provide the engineering structural integrity as the HD specifications.

This addendum does not change the closing date for questions or the tender closing date.

All other information remains as stated in the Request For Quotation.

Please note that this the proposal document contains a clause that the bidder confirms that they have read, evaluated and considered all addenda issued on the NBO to the date of closing and their proposal, including pricing, is inclusive of any addenda issued.
