

1 **Q. Reference: 2026 Capital Budget Application, Program 4, Replace Heavy-Duty Vehicles, page 4.**

2 Chart 1 indicates that one or more vehicles proposed for replacement in 2026 are in the 0-5 year
3 age category. Please provide the age, odometer reading, and condition of the vehicle(s) Hydro
4 plans to replace.

5
6
7 **A.** There is one vehicle in the 0–5 age range proposed for replacement in the 2026 Capital Budget
8 Application. This is a 2020 Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis with a mounted 50-foot Material
9 Handling aerial device (on-road line truck). The current odometer reading on this vehicle is
10 154,000 kilometers, and condition assessments determined the condition rating as moderate to
11 poor. The truck has a moderate amount of rust to the boom, cab, and body. This unit is having
12 recurring electrical issues and was towed three times in the last year as it would not start due to
13 corrosion of the modules and connectors. Each tow took approximately eight hours from site to
14 the nearest dealer.

15 This unit was initially stationed in the Flower's Cove area and was subject to harsh saltwater
16 spray causing severe rusting of the undercarriage, aerial device, and accessories. Additionally,
17 the unit is currently scheduled for a full wiring harness replacement at the dealer due to
18 corrosion. These recurring issues have resulted in a great deal of downtime for the unit.

19 Given the condition and repairs required to date, and with the delivery time for this type of unit
20 being three years from order date, Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro ("Hydro") is proposing to
21 retire this vehicle upon receipt of its replacement in 2028, at which time the unit will be in its
22 ninth year of service. This aligns with Hydro's replacement criteria for Heavy-Duty – Class 4 and
23 6 vehicles, which recommends replacement after nine years or 200,000 kilometres (odometer
24 reading), dependent on condition/maintenance cost and reliability.