

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

May 22, 2014 – 10:00 AM

The Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Councillors John Bell, Bob Pringle, Wayne Fitzgerald, Deborah Haswell, Bob White and Duncan McKinlay; and Warden Brian Milne; Councillor Francis Richardson was also in attendance on behalf of Councillor Harley Greenfield

Regrets: Chair Alan Barfoot, Harley Greenfield,

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk / Director of Council Services; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Ron Parkin, Maintenance Manager; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Warden Milne called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

TAPS64-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT Warden Milne be appointed Chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee for the May 22, 2014 meeting.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated April 17, 2014

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on May 6, 2014.

Reports – Clerk

CCR-TAPS-11-14 Recommendations on Replacing County Owned Road Signage

Sharon Vokes addressed the Committee on the above report. Ms. Vokes outlined the purpose, considerations, the criteria for entry way, municipal identification and community identification signage. The Committee noted that it is desirable to have tertiary settlement signs the same size as primary and secondary settlement area signs. The increased size will result in a slight increase in cost from what was originally proposed. The change also provides more latitude for consideration of appropriate historical signage.

TAPS65-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS County Council at its February 4, 2014 session directed staff to develop a signage plan and recommended funding model of county owned road signage and entry way signage along county boundaries;

AND WHEREAS it is desirous to refresh county owned road signage by replacing signs that have the old logo;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-TAPS-11-14 regarding a recommended signage plan for county owned roads be received;

AND THAT staff proceed to fully implement changing the signage for entrance ways, municipal identification, community identification and route markers in 2014 as outlined in Report CCR-TAPS-11-14 with the exception that tertiary settlement signs shall be the same size as primary and secondary settlement signs.

AND FURTHER THAT the cost of implementing the new signage, estimated at \$190,000, be funded from the One Time Reserve;

AND FURTHER THAT staff develop a comprehensive road signage policy encompassing the criteria within this report as well as such items as directional and assurance signage.

Carried

Reports – Paramedic Services

EMSR-TAPS-12-14 - Community Paramedicine

Mike Muir addressed the above report. Mr. Muir elaborated on the Community Paramedicine initiative. Staff are hopeful it will continue after the provincial election.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has made available \$6 million in onetime funding for paramedic services to participate in community paramedicine initiatives. The County has submitted three proposals in response to the funding. Mr. Muir provided details on the various proposals and initiatives, including participating in a clinical trial, and two technology based proposals.

If the projects are approved, staff would like to proceed immediately and are therefore seeking advance approval from the Committee to execute the appropriate agreements if funding is approved.

Staff noted that if two paramedics are removed from their current positions to assist with the program, there is part time staff available to backfill these positions.

Councillors Pringle and Haswell then entered the meeting.

Concerns were expressed surrounding the possibility of the province downloading the program to the County to continue funding if it is successful. Staff recognized the possibility and noted that it is Committee and Council's prerogative to determine the need to carry on with such programs if they are downloaded.

TAPS66-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor White

WHEREAS Grey County Paramedic Services in conjunction with community agencies has applied for funding under the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Community Paramedicine Initiative for 2014;

AND WHEREAS Grey County Paramedic Services is seeking County approval for its participation in the Community Paramedicine Initiatives;

AND WHEREAS funding approval announcements have been delayed until after June 12, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report EMSR-TAPS-12-14 be received;

AND THAT Grey County approves Grey County Paramedic Services participation in the Community Paramedicine Initiatives;

AND THAT Grey County enter into the appropriate agreements related to funding and operational aspects of the Community Paramedicine Initiatives subject to approved Ministry of Health and Long Term Care funding.

Carried

EMSR-TAPS-13-14 Update on Public Access Defibrillation Program

Mike Muir presented the above report regarding the future of the Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program. A brief background on the program was provided, which commenced in 2007 as a result of a funding program which distributed PADs to various centres across the County. 120 PADs have been placed around the County and the response has been positive.

Mr. Muir noted that the initiative is worthy however has become quite large and the program may require additional oversight if it continues to grow. The program does not provide for the replacement of existing equipment, including pads and batteries.

Staff indicated that there is some responsibility on the County to ensure the PADs it has distributed are in correct working order.

Brief discussion occurred on the liability that exists if a PAD doesn't work.

TAPS67-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the Grey County Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program is approaching a replacement cycle for many sites and options for program sustainability are being explored;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report EMSR-TAPS-13-14 be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to bring back a report with recommendations on how this program will be sustained in the future.

Carried

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-40-14 Plow/Spreader Route Modifications

Michael Kelly presented the above report. Part of the Transportation Services Review included a review of the plow routes. Mr. Kelly noted that there are currently 21 plow routes, each ranging from 29.5 to 44.3 kilometres. Staff are recommending that the number of routes be reduced to 19.

Staff confirmed that the reduction will not impact the County's ability to achieve or surpass Minimum Maintenance Standards. The County will still have extra trucks available to assist if needed until it is determined they are no longer needed.

The Committee discussed the use of graders, snowblowers, and winging back snow banks.

Staff noted that the need to better utilize graders was realized and will be addressed for the next winter season.

TAPS68-14 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS Grey County currently utilizes 21 plow/spreader routes during winter maintenance;

AND WHEREAS as per the Transportation Services Review, an assessment of the plow/spreader routes has been completed and it is determined that 19 plow/spreader routes is adequate to at least meet the Winter Minimum Maintenance Standards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-40-14 regarding the number of plow/spreader routes be received;

AND THAT the number of plow/spreader routes be reduced to 19 commencing in the winter of 2014/2015;

AND THAT staff bring forth a report outlining the success of the changes following the 2014-2015 winter season.

Carried

The Committee requested that a report be brought forward regarding the 2013-2014 winter maintenance season's issues and how they have been rectified for information purposes.

TR-TAPS-42-14 Transportation Services Internal Review Implementation Plan May 2014 Update

Mr. Kelly updated the Committee on the above report, noting first that a contractor is now available to make signs for the County. Further, staff will be using an improved method of calling backup operators for winter maintenance.

A fleet review will be completed in the fall of 2014 by the shop foremen.

Staff are working out details with Bellamy to better define the County's asset management and improve capital planning practices.

The County owned quarry review is in progress.

TAPS69-14 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

WHEREAS County Council endorsed the Grey County Transportation Internal Review Summary Report dated May, 2013, per Resolution CC88-13 and requested the Director of Transportation Services to develop an action plan for the recommendations contained within the Report;

AND WHEREAS County Council endorsed the Transportation Services Internal Review Implementation Plan Report TR-TAPS- 04-14 that also identified bi-monthly updates on the plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-42-14 regarding the Transportation Services Implementation Plan May, 2014 Update be received for information.

Carried

TR-TAPS-43-14 RFT-TS-09-14 Fuel Supply and Delivery

Mike Kelly presented the above report, recommending that the tender for fuel supply and delivery be awarded to Wayne Bird Fuels in the amount of \$913,038.14. There is a price escalation cost included in this contract to mitigate changes in fuel costs.

Staff noted that if roads are closed, the County is able to get fuel from other sources.

Councillor Haswell left the meeting.

TAPS70-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor White

WHEREAS the County issued a tender to supply fuel (diesel and gasoline) to six locations through the County to be used for County vehicles;

AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-09-14 for Fuel Supply was issued on Thursday, April 3, 2014 and closed on Thursday, April 24, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-43-14 containing the tender results for RFT-TS-09-14 be received;

AND THAT the RFT-TS-09-14 be awarded to Wayne Bird Fuels, for all schedules, at the total tender price of \$913,038.14.

Carried

TR-TAPS-44-14 Grey Road 1 Easement – 503337 Grey Road 1

Pat Hoy addressed the above report regarding an easement for a culvert replacement on Grey Road 1. The property owner is content with the agreement and staff are requesting authorization to execute the agreement.

TAPS71-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the County of Grey requires the replacement of an existing Grey Road centre line culvert that extends on a private lot (civic number 503337);

AND WHEREAS the property owner has agreed to grant an easement on title for any future culvert maintenance;

AND WHEREAS the County's wish to replace the culvert under contract RFT-TS-12-14;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-44-14 be received;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute an easement agreement between Grey County and the property owner for the property described as Part 1, Lot 34, Colpoy's Range in the Geographic Township of Keppel, Township of Georgian Bluffs in the County of Grey on Plan 16R-10460.

Carried

Other Business

Paramedic Services Update

Mike Muir noted that Paramedic Services week will be taking place next week. A student from Normanby School will be assigned “Chief of the Day” and will be participating in various events.

The survivor luncheon is upcoming and “Stuff the Ambulance” drives will also be taking place throughout the area.

Transportation Services Update

Michael Kelly noted that two requests have come forward since today’s agenda has been distributed and inquired whether the Committee wishes to consider the requests at this time to respond to the owners in a timely manner.

TAPS72-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT the agenda be amended to add the following two items:

- **Request for Exemption from By-law No. 2669 restricting the erection of buildings or structures on lands abutting County and suburban area roads for 235304 Grey Road 13, Kimberley**
- **Request for Exemption from By-law No. 2669 restricting the erection of buildings or structures on lands abutting County and suburban area roads for 1852 3rd Avenue East, Owen Sound.**

Carried

235304 Grey Road 13, Kimberley

Mr. Kelly noted that the owners wish to construct a patio with a roof and are requesting a setback of 12 metres. Staff have no concerns with the request.

TAPS73-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the request for exemption from By-law No. 2669 restricting the erection of buildings or structures on lands abutting County and suburban area roads at 235304 Grey Road 13, Kimberley for the construction of a patio, be granted.

Carried

1852 3rd Avenue East / Grey Road 5, Owen Sound

Mr. Kelly noted that a ramp for accessibility purposes is required at this location. Staff have no concerns with the request.

TAPS74-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT the request for exemption from By-law No. 2669 restricting the erection of buildings or structures on lands abutting County and suburban area roads at 1852 3rd Avenue East / Grey Road 5, Owen Sound for the construction of an accessibility ramp, be granted.

Carried

Mr. Kelly advised the Committee that the \$0.14 per litre rebate was no longer applicable for biodiesel fuel. As a result, he recommends that the County use regular diesel fuel.

It was noted that St. Mary's Cement is planning to commence work on the northern section of Grey Road 31 near the entrance of their quarry. The southern portion will be carried over to 2015 to ensure proper tendering.

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

Thursday, June 19, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Brian Milne, Acting Chair