

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

February 20, 2014 – 10:00 AM

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

Present: Chair Alan Barfoot; Councillors Bob Pringle, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell, Duncan McKinlay and John Bell; and Warden Brian Milne

Regrets: Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Kevin McNab, EMS Operations Manager; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager; Sharon Melville, Buyer and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Alan Barfoot called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

*Resolution TAPS05-14 Regarding NextEra Energy Entrance Permits &
Resolution TAPS15-14 Regarding East Durham Wind Transmitter, Cargo
and Road Occupancy Agreements*

Michael Kelly updated the Committee on the entrance permit applications, deferred from the Committee meeting on January 23, 2014. Mr. Kelly indicated that all the criteria for entrances for industrial wind turbine projects have been met by NextEra Energy / East Durham Wind.

Staff have met with Councillor Eccles and the municipal solicitor to finalize the outstanding concerns regarding the agreements.

Staff confirmed that the placement and standards of entrances are addressed in the permit application process.

The Committee discussed the depth that the power lines would be buried, being 1.2 metres. It was noted that if the lines had to be buried less than 1.2 metres, they would be encased in concrete.

TAPS29-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor White

WHEREAS at its meeting on September 5, 2013 the Transportation and Public Safety Committee directed that it receives an information report outlining the staff assessment of current outstanding entrance applications related to industrial wind turbine projects, before staff rendered a decision on the applications;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-73-13 regarding the six NextEra - Wind Turbine entrance permits on Grey Road 4 be received for information;

AND THAT it is understood that the entrance permits submitted meet the County's entrance criteria for industrial wind turbine development and will be approved by the Director of Transportation Services under authority granted by County Council through its Delegation of Duties Policy, G-GEN-008 as amended, and in accordance with Entrance Permit Procedure MS-TS-001-001.

Carried

TAPS30-14 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Warden Milne

WHEREAS East Durham Wind Incorporated wishes to utilize Grey Road 4 to place an electrical plant in accordance with Section 41 of the Electricity Act, 1998 (Ontario) and to transport oversized/overweight loads to accommodate the construction of a wind turbine development in the Municipality of West Grey;

AND WHEREAS Grey County Council approved generic agreements (Report TR-TAPS-66-13) for the placement of electrical plants on Grey Road right-of-ways and for oversized/overweight cargo loads for wind turbine developments;

AND WHEREAS East Durham Wind Incorporated, the County of Grey's Solicitor and staff have negotiated modifications to the generic agreements for Electric Power Transmitter or Distributor and Oversize/Overweight Cargo;

AND WHEREAS East Durham Wind Incorporated, the County of Grey's Solicitor and staff have negotiated an occupancy agreement to permit temporary modifications to Grey Road 4 to accommodate the oversized loads;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-10-14 be received;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the following three agreements with East Durham Wind Incorporated:

- 1) Electrical Power Distributor to Locate Structures, Equipment or Facilities on Grey County Highways.**
- 2) Permitting Use of Grey County Highway to Transport Oversized/Over-weight Cargo.**
- 3) Road Occupancy**

Carried

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated January 23, 2014

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council as presented on February 4, 2014.

Deputations

Anthony Penner – Offer to Sell Land to Grey County Adjacent to the County owned quarry on Grey Road 40

Councillor Bell declared a conflict of interest with respect to the deputation by Mr. Anthony Penner and left the room and did not partake in any discussion on the matter.

Anthony Penner noted that he recently purchased the farm next to the County owned quarry on Grey Road 40 and is attending the meeting to offer the County the opportunity to purchase approximately 40 acres on the west side of the farm.

Chair Barfoot noted that staff would bring further information forward at a future meeting.

Councillor Bell returned to the meeting.

Reports – Emergency Medical Services

EMSR-TAPS-04-14 Hosting of Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs (OAPC) Conference September 2016

Kevin McNab addressed the Committee on the above report requesting support for the County to host the 2016 Ontario Association of Paramedic Chief's General Meeting and Awards Gala at Blue Mountain Resorts. Staff noted the County will not incur extra costs, other than staff time.

TAPS31-14 Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT Report EMSR-TAPS-04-14 be received;

AND THAT the County of Grey (with participation from other OAPC members) hosts the 2016 Ontario Association of Paramedic Chief's (OAPC) General Meeting and Awards Gala at Blue Mountain Resorts in September of 2016.

Carried

EMSR-TAPS-06-14 High Visibility Striping of Grey County Ambulances

Kevin McNab presented the above report. In 2010, the Ministry of Labour Emergency Medical Services Section 21 Sub Committee released guidance notes aiming to aid Emergency Medical Services (EMS) employers and workers by explaining the minimum requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The guidance notes recommend that vehicle visibility packages be used which include lighting and retro reflective striping on EMS vehicles in order to be more visible to drivers.

Staff are recommending that new EMS vehicles utilize high visibility striping as noted in the report. Old ambulances will not be retrofitted.

TAPS32-14 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Warden Milne

WHEREAS adding high visibility striping to the exterior of Grey County Ambulances will increase worker safety;

AND WHEREAS adding high visibility striping will ensure the County of Grey is in compliance with Section 21 Sub Committee Guidance notes on Paramedic Visibility and Traffic Safety;

AND WHEREAS adding high visibility striping will follow other industry standard recommendations for increasing worker safety;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT EMSR-TAPS-06-14 regarding the Grey County EMS high visibility striping of ambulances be received;

AND THAT new vehicles purchased will follow examples of high visibility striping provided in report EMSR-TAPS-06-14.

Carried

EMSR-TAPS-05-14 Purchase of Two New Ambulances 2014

Kevin McNab addressed the Committee on the above report regarding the purchase of two ambulances in 2014. Staff are recommending that the purchase be awarded to Demers Ambulances in the amount of \$316,560 exclusive of taxes. The new ambulances will have high visibility striping.

TAPS33-14 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor White

WHEREAS on March 6, 2012 Grey County Council approved the purchase of ambulances from Demers Ambulance under a single source arrangement to ensure fleet standardization for a period of five years;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Health - Vendor of Record program was to be utilized in the purchasing process;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Health - Vendor of Record program has been discontinued and will not be available for ambulance pricing in 2014 and future years;

AND WHEREAS 2014 pricing received by the preferred vendor contains an increase of approximately 1.8% over the 2013 pricing;

AND WHEREAS all purchasing policies and procedures have been adhered to;

AND WHEREAS the 2014 capital vehicle replacement budget for two ambulances is approved in the amount of \$325,511.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT EMSR-TAPS-05-14 regarding the purchase of two ambulances be received;

AND THAT the purchase of two ambulances be awarded to Demers Ambulances for the amount of \$316,560.00 excluding taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT ambulance units 1286 and 1295 be disposed of as per section 10.02 of Grey County's Purchasing Procedures.

Carried

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-18-14 Award of Vermeer Wood Chipper RFT-TS-03-14

Michael Kelly noted that \$50,000 was allocated in the 2014 budget to purchase a Vermeer wood chipper. In accordance with purchasing policy, any purchase \$5,000 over the budgeted amount requires approval of County Council. Staff are recommending the tender be awarded to Vermeer Canada in the amount of \$57,590 excluding HST.

It was noted that the request for a Vermeer wood chipper came from the County's mechanics and tree cutting crew who noted the Vermeer chipper meets their needs more sufficiently and has safety and efficiency features not available on other chippers.

TAPS34-14 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor White

WHEREAS the 2014 budget included \$50,000 for the purchase of a wood chipper;

AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-03-14 for the purchase of one Vermeer wood chipper was issued on Thursday January 9, 2014 and closed on Thursday, January 23, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-18-14, being a report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-03-14, one Vermeer wood chipper, be received;

AND THAT the tender be awarded to Vermeer Canada Inc., for a total cost of \$57,590, excluding HST;

AND FURTHER THAT the shortfall be funded from any surplus funds; if no surplus is available then it will be funded from equipment reserves.

Carried

TR-TAPS-19-14 Award of One Ton Trucks RFT-TS-01-14

Michael Kelly addressed the above report, recommending that the tender for the purchase of two one ton trucks be awarded to Jim Gardhouse Motors Ltd in the amount of \$109,428 exclusive of HST.

TAPS35-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the 2014 budget included the purchase of two, one ton trucks for \$110,000;

AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-01-14 for the purchase of two, one ton trucks was issued on Thursday, January 9, 2014 and closed on Friday, January 24, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-19-14, being a report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-01-14, for the purchase of two, one ton trucks be received;

AND THAT the tender be awarded to Jim Gardhouse Motors Ltd., for a total cost of \$109,428, excluding HST;

AND FURTHER THAT the shortfall be funded from any surplus funds; if no surplus is available then it will be funded from equipment reserves.

Carried

TR-TAPS-21-14 Transportation Services Internal Review Implementation Plan February 2014 Update

Michael Kelly presented the February 2014 Internal Review Implementation Plan update

and noted that many of the recommendations have been implemented in the Sign Shop.

Staff confirmed that a bridge foreman will be hired instead of a structural engineer at this time as there are not enough lower tier municipalities interested in jointly recruiting a structural engineer.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Quarry Study was issued and closed. One compliant bid was received. Mr. Kelly spoke with the proponent to clarify aspects of the content in the RFP. Mr. Kelly will instead be completing and writing the study.

TAPS36-14 Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

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 THAT 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-21-14 regarding the Transportation Services Implementation Plan February 2014 Update be received.

Carried

The Committee recessed then reconvened.

Correspondence

NextEra Energy - East Durham Wind – Road Use Agreements and Entrance Permit Applications; Borea Construction – Support for NextEra / East Durham Wind Energy Centre in West Grey – Local Content

TAPS37-14 Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the correspondence from NextEra Energy / East Durham Wind regarding road use agreements and entrance permit applications and the correspondence from Borea Construction regarding support for NextEra Energy / East Durham Wind Energy Centre in West Grey be received for information.

Carried

*City of Owen Sound – Request by Resolution to Review Traffic Signals at
8th Street East and 9th Avenue East*

Michael Kelly noted that staff will review the traffic signals.

TAPS38-14 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT the correspondence from the City of Owen Sound regarding a request for the County to review traffic signals be received for information, as County staff are currently reviewing the traffic signals at 8th Street East and 9th Avenue East and will follow up with City staff.

Carried

Other Business

Michael Kelly noted that he will be bringing forth a report to the March 20, 2014 Committee meeting respecting the potential sale of a portion of 183 South Street East in Durham to TDL Group. The County is required to provide notice for the potential sale. Public Notice will be placed in the Owen Sound Sun Times and the Hanover Post and on the County website.

Transportation Services Update

Michael Kelly provided an update on Wild Chervil and indicated that Dupont will not have an approved chemical to eradicate Wild Chervil until late summer at the earliest. The Committee spoke to the delays experienced in eradicating the weed.

It was noted that the cost to distribute Wild Chervil information cards to the public was approximately \$7,000 last year and the information cards should not be issued in 2014.

The Committee suggested the County website be utilized to better educate the public on wild chervil and that staff work with the Communications Coordinator on spreading awareness through the County's website.

Mr. Kelly noted that Public Information Centres (PIC) are being planned for April 24 and 26, 2014 regarding the Environmental Assessments being completed for the areas in the vicinity of Highway 26 and Grey Road 2 and Highway 26 and Grey Road 40. These projects involve the Town of the Blue Mountains, the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario and Grey County. The Committee noted that a presentation at the March 20th

Committee meeting would be beneficial.

Emergency Medical Services Update

Kevin McNab provided an update, noting that the results of the EMS service review are positive and will be available soon.

Mr. McNab noted that as of April 1, 2014, Grey County paramedics will cease providing non-emergency transfers, unless there are sufficient emergency vehicles available to offset balanced emergency coverage.

Land Next to the Quarry on Grey Road 40

The Committee requested that Michael Kelly bring forth a report to the next meeting on the matter brought forth by Mr. Anthony Penner with regard to the possible offer of sale of land next to the County owned quarry on Grey Road 40.

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, March 20, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

Alan Barfoot, Chair