

Transportation and Public Safety Committee September 22, 2016 – 10:00 AM

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

Present: Chair John Bell; Councillors Bob Pringle, Stewart Halliday, Sue Paterson, Harley Greenfield, Ian Boddy, Norm Jack and John McKean; and Warden Alan Barfoot

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Pay Hoy, Director of Transportation Services; Matt Marck, Engineering Manager; Sharon Melville, Buyer; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager; Marty Zevenbergen, Shop Foreman and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

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

Adoption of the Agenda

TAPS96-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated September 22, 2016 be adopted as amended, by adding the following items:

- **a closed session item regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001.**
- **Resolution from the Municipality of Hastings Highlands regarding the Highway Traffic Amendment Act (Waste Collection and Snow Plows)**

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated
August 18, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on September 6, 2016.

Deputations

Brian McCulloch, President, Beaver Valley Ratepayers' Association – Request for Speed Limit Change Outside of Kimberley, Engine Brake Signage and Improvements to Transverse Lines Entering Kimberley

Brian McCulloch attended the meeting to request a speed limit change outside of Kimberley, as well as requesting installation of engine brake signage and improvements to transverse lines coming into Kimberley.

Mr. McCulloch spoke to the use of engine brakes and the noise that they make. He further explained the rationale for the request to reduce the speed limit, noting that a reduction in the speed limit would require less braking and result in vehicles slowing more gradually.

Mr. McCulloch also requested staff look at the number of transverse lines and their location within Kimberley, as he thinks they should be outside of the village.

Mr. McCulloch then thanked the County for the work they have done to help address speeding in Kimberley.

Committee noted that trucks are most likely slowing down for cars that are turning left to go to the Beaver Valley Ski Club.

Matt Marck responded to the requests, stating that 80 kilometres per hour is the speed limit that is dictated at this location from the guideline perspective. To reduce the speed limit because of trucks likely would not achieve what the requester is looking for.

Mr. Marck further noted that the current policy states the County does not install new engine brake signage.

With respect to transverse lines, the data does not suggest excessive amounts of speeding in this area.

Staff noted that residents have contacted the company who are using engine brakes excessively and requested them to have drivers refrain from using them in residential areas. There seems to have been results from this approach.

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-46-16 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Top – Up Component Application Grey Road 15

Pat Hoy presented the above report. Grey County was notified it is eligible for top up funding from OCIF. The City of Owen Sound and the County are interested in doing a joint project. Staff recommend that a proposal for the rehabilitation of Grey Road 15 (3rd Avenue East) in Owen Sound be submitted. The full amount will be applied for, being \$613,481 of the \$850,000 total contribution by the County.

TAPS97-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has launched expanded infrastructure funding under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF);

AND WHEREAS the County of Grey is eligible to submit an OCIF Top-Up Component application

AND WHEREAS the County of Grey and the City of Owen Sound would like to submit applications for the rehabilitation/reconstruction project on Grey Road 15 (3rd Ave East) in Owen Sound;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-46-16 regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Top-Up Component Application be received;

AND THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee approve the following project to be submitted as a Top-Up Component Application to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund as a joint submission with the City of Owen Sound:

Grey Road 15 (3rd Ave East) in Owen Sound reconstruction from 18th Street to the Waste Water Treatment Plant

Carried

TR-TAPS-47-16 Request for Winter Part Time Operators

Graham Wilson addressed the Committee on the above report. Staff are recommending that eight part time operators be hired for the 2016-2017 winter season. Mr. Wilson spoke to the difficulties in calling operators in when not enough hours are offered and the costs associated with turnover and training.

Committee spoke to the benefits of the proposal.

Inquiry was made as to whether consideration has been given to part time operators working these shifts during the week. Mr. Wilson noted that from staff's perspective, having more experienced staff during the week and afternoons is beneficial.

TAPS98-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

WHEREAS an operational review of the winter maintenance operations has determined the need for eight Winter Part-Time Operators (two for each patrol);

AND WHEREAS by offering three, eight hour scheduled winter shifts per week, Transportation Services will be providing weekend coverage consistent with weekdays and improve the overall level of service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report TR-TAPS-47-16 be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with hiring the proposed eight Part-Time Operators for the 2016/2017 winter season.

Carried

TR-TAPS-48-16 Capital Purchasing Prior to Budget Approval

Pat Hoy presented the above report. Staff are requesting authorization to proceed with procuring two tandem trucks before the passing of the 2017 budget because of possible delivery time constraints.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding the weight of the vehicles, longevity, costs and comparisons of the different options.

Committee suggested one stainless and one regular box be procured to see how much longer the stainless steel box will last. There is approximately \$10,000 difference in price between the stainless steel box and the regular box.

Staff spoke to past experiences with aluminum, and how it can be difficult to repair cracking.

Doug Johnstone spoke to the status of the equipment reserve.

Committee discussed merits of each option.

TAPS99-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS the 2017 budget has not yet been approved;

AND WHEREAS Section 10.1 Reporting to Council of the purchasing procedure states that items requiring pre-budget approval must be reported to Council in order to have the expenditure authorized via resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report TR-TAPS-48-16 be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed with procuring two tandem trucks (with one stainless box and one aluminum box) prior to 2017 budget approval due to delivery time constraints.

Carried

Correspondence

Township of Carlow/Mayo and Municipality of Hastings
Highlands- Support for Bill 171, Highway Traffic Amendment Act
(Waste Collection Vehicles and Snow Plows)

Staff spoke to the importance of protecting staff and recommend support of the resolution.

TAPS100-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Jack

THAT the County of Grey support the Township of Carlow/Mayo and the Municipality of Hastings Highlands resolution in support of Bill 171, Highway Traffic Amendment Act regarding extending restrictions on approaching stopped road service vehicle.

Carried

Letter from Keith Davidson – Grass Cutting on Scenic Roads

Committee considered the letter from Mr. Davidson. It was noted that if grass needs cut along the roadside during the year, staff will look at undertaking additional cuts when needed. The Committee requested staff to bring back a report at a later date which looks at the cost of cutting all county roads twice per year from a safety perspective.

Staff spoke to the type of machinery used to do this work. Staff are looking to increase the grass cutting budget next year.

Further, Committee noted that there is a need to reexamine the policy with respect to the sign by-law surrounding enforcement of temporary “sandwich board” type signage for small events.

Committee requested that the sign policy come forward for review.

Closed Meeting Matters

TAPS101-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

THAT the Committee do now go into closed session to discuss:

- i. **Personal matters about an identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 regarding a Human Resources matter**

AND THAT the following staff remain in attendance: Kim Wingrove, Pat Hoy, Graham Wilson, and Tara Warder.

Carried

The Committee proceeded into closed session at 10:58 AM.

TAPS102-16 Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor

THAT the Committee return to open session at 11:08 AM.

Carried

Other Business

Councillor McKean raised concerns around people using County roadways to train for cross country skiing. There are people putting signage in the right of way warning motorists of the activity. Skiers are using equipment that resembles a cross country ski but is used on pavement. It has been occurring along Grey Road 119, 19 and the Castle Glen area. The Committee suggested that staff patrol the area or request the police to patrol.

Next Meeting Dates

October 6, 2016 and/or October 20, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

November 3, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.

John Bell, Chair