 Committee Minutes

# Transportation and Public Safety CommitteeOctober 3, 2013 – 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 Brian Milne; Councillors Bob Pringle, Alan Barfoot, Paul McQueen, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell, Ellen Anderson and Kevin Eccles; and Warden Duncan McKinlay**

**Staff**

**Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Mike Muir, Director of Emergency Medical Services; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary**

## Call to Order

Chair Brian Milne called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

### Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated September 19, 2013

These minutes were for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on October 1, 2013.

## Reports – Finance

### FR-TAPS-36-13 2014 Corporate Budget Overview and Background

Kevin Weppler addressed the Committee on the above report, providing an overview of the 2014 corporate budget to inform the Committee of the funding requirements for the proposed budget as prepared by staff.

The 2014 budget as drafted requires a total net levy of $51,973,749 which translates to an approximate tax increase of 1.07%. Mr. Weppler highlighted details of assessment growth, Social Services caseloads and uploading, new initiatives, proposed staffing level changes and potential risks within the proposed budget. It was noted that the final assessment growth figure from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation will not be known until the end of 2013.

Staff addressed questions and comments from the Committee regarding the corporate budget.

*TAPS107-13* Moved by: Councillor White Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

**THAT Report FR-TAPS-36-13 regarding the 2014 Corporate Budget Overview and Background be received for information.**

Carried

### 2014 Transportation and Public Safety Budget Summary

The Committee considered the Transportation and Public Safety Budget Summary in conjunction with the Transportation Services and Emergency Medical Services budgets.

### Reports – Transportation Services

### TR-TAPS-64-13 Draft 2014 Transportation Services Departmental Budget Overview

Michael Kelly presented the above report respecting the draft 2014 Transportation Services departmental budget. The 2014 Transportation Services budget summary has been prepared with a net levy requirement increase of $153,964, translating to a 0.99% increase over the 2013 budget.

Mr. Kelly provided an overview of the specific budgets including ordinary maintenance, construction, resurfacing and minor capital, supervision and overhead operations, housing and depots, equipment, asset management and the quarry.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding road shouldering, changes to equipment life cycle, staffing and upcoming road projects.

The Committee recessed briefly then reconvened.

It was noted that it would be useful for Committee members to have more information regarding the condition of the roads and the scheduling for resurfacing. Transportation Services is currently assessing the roads. The assessment includes examining a variety of variables that determine the overall condition of the road and will be incorporated into the WEAVE system, aiding in long term decision making. Maps will be provided to committee members identifying the condition of Grey County roads when WEAVE is fully functional.

 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor White

**THAT Report TR-TAPS-64-13 regarding the Draft 2014 Transportation Services budget be received;**

**AND THAT the 2014 Transportation Services Budget as presented be forwarded to County Council for consideration.**

*TAPS108-13* Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**THAT Report TR-TAPS-64-13 regarding the Transportation Services budget be deferred to the Committee meeting of October 17th, 2013.**

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*TAPS109-13* Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor White

**THAT Report TR-TAPS-64-13 regarding the Draft 2014 Transportation Services budget be received;**

**AND THAT the 2014 Transportation Services Budget as presented be forwarded to County Council for consideration.**

Carried

### Reports – Emergency Medical Services

### EMSR-TAPS-08-13 Draft 2014 EMS Budget

Mike Muir addressed the Committee on the above report regarding the Emergency Medical Services draft 2014 budget. The combined capital and operating budgets total $5,791,138, translating to a 1.29% increase from the 2013 budget.

Mr. Muir highlighted both the operating and capital budgets. Funding allocations, wages, the union contract term and vehicle operations were discussed, as well as upcoming ambulance and stretcher purchases.

*TAPS110-13* Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

**THAT Report EMSR-TAPS-08-13 regarding the draft 2014 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Budget be received;**

**AND THAT the draft 2014 EMS Budget be forwarded as presented to County Council for consideration.**

 Carried

## Closed Meeting Matters

There were none.

## Other Business

*Normanby – Carrick Bridge*

Councillor Eccles updated the Committee on the outcome of a recent meeting with respect to the Normanby – Carrick bridge. It was noted that 70 km per hour is the preferred design speed.

Councillor Eccles then presented two options for consideration with regard to the bridge reconstruction. One option involves the Counties of Grey and Bruce undertaking the administration of the replacement of the bridge. The Counties would equally split the cost of the bridge and be responsible for the 30 metre approaches while the Municipalities of South Bruce and West Grey would pay for the cost of the roadwork beyond the 30 metre approaches. The second option presented was that Bruce and Grey Counties each contribute $500,000 to the local municipalities. The local municipalities would then assume ownership and bear the cost of the bridge and road work.

The Committee requested that a staff report be prepared on the matter and presented on October 17th, 2013.

*Transportation Services Update*

There was no update provided.

*Emergency Medical Services Update*

There was no update provided.

*Industrial Wind Turbine*

The Committee briefly discussed road use agreements. Staff noted that the County’s solicitor is drafting two agreements, one for the placement of their plant on the road right of way and the other for the use of haul roads for oversized vehicles. These agreements will require the developer to consider items such as assessing the roads, bridges, drains and intersections. These agreements will be issued to the Municipality for their comments.

Inquiry was made as to whether NextEra Energy Canada will be submitting an appeal to the Ontario Energy Board.

*Road Tour*

The Committee discussed options for a road tour. It was decided that Councillors would arrange with staff to have a road tour if there was interest.

*Request for Nominations for the 2011-2012 Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Board of Directors*

*TAPS112-13* Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

**THAT the County of Grey nominate Duncan McKinlay to the Ontario Good Roads Association Board of Directors for the 2014-2015 term;**

**AND THAT the Association be so advised.**

Carried

## Next Meeting Dates

**Thursday, October 17, 2013 if required, at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Pringle the meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.

 Brian Milne, Chair