

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

January 23, 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 Wayne Fitzgerald, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell; and Warden Brian Milne; Councillors Terry McKay and Kevin Eccles in attendance for Councillors Bob Pringle and John Bell

Regrets: Councillors John Bell and Bob Pringle

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Mike Muir, Director of Emergency Medical Services; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst, Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager; Matt Marck, Senior Engineering Technician; Sharon Melville, Buyer; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

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

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

*Resolutions TAPS05-14 & TAPS15-14 Regarding NextEra Energy
Entrance Permits and East Durham Wind Transmitter, Cargo and Road
Occupancy Agreements - Referred from County Council on January 9,
2014*

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on Resolutions TAPS05-14 and TAPS15-14, referred by County Council on January 9, 2014 back to the Committee. Mr. Kelly noted that a meeting was held yesterday with Councillor Barfoot and Councillor Eccles on the matters. An additional meeting will be held this afternoon with the County solicitor to discuss the concerns and make modifications to the agreements where required.

Mr. Thurston noted that staff will present any additional information resulting from today's meeting at the Committee meeting in February.

TAPS22-14 Moved by: Councillor Fitzgerald Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT Resolutions TAPS05-14 and TAPS15-14 regarding NextEra Energy entrance permits and East Durham Wind's electric power transmitter or distributor, oversize / overweight cargo and road occupancy agreements be deferred to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting of February 20, 2014.

Carried

*Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated December 5,
2013 and December 19, 2013*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council as amended on January 9, 2014.

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-13-14 In House Construction

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report. The Transportation Services Review included a review of in-house construction, including the Bridge and Construction crews and made recommendations to improve efficiencies. Staff have monitored the efficiency of the recommendations and report that the costs for County staff to undertake centre line culvert replacement and granular A pulverize and pave projects are above the industry standard. Staff are recommending that the in-house

construction crew not be continued for 2014.

Mr. Kelly stated that this is not a reflection of the efforts of County staff, as they do exceptional work, however contractors have access to specialized equipment.

The Committee discussed the costs for contract administration.

Discussion occurred on the reallocation of duties for the workers and how equipment will be used. All full time staff will continue to have positions.

Mr. Thurston indicated that staff have been engaged during the process and transparency has been ensured throughout. No existing full time staff will lose jobs.

TAPS23-14 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

WHEREAS in accordance with the Transportation Services Internal Review completed in May, 2013 the “In House” construction activities are to be monitored;

AND WHEREAS the 2013 “In House” activities have been evaluated and it is not cost effective to maintain a Construction Crew; however the Bridge Crew should be continued as it appears that it will provide value;

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

AND THAT the Transportation Services Department continues the utilization of a Bridge Crew and discontinues the utilization of a Construction Crew in 2014.

Carried

TR-TAPS-14-14 Grey Road 21 Occupancy Agreement with the Town of the Blue Mountains

Michael Kelly noted that the Town of the Blue Mountains wishes to install a trunk sanitary sewer under the west side of Grey Road 21 in order to service the Windfall (formerly Georgian Gate) development. Staff have been working to develop a road occupancy agreement and are recommending that the agreement be signed with the Town.

TAPS24-14 Moved by: Councillor McKay Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS the Town of The Blue Mountain wishes to install a trunk sanitary sewer under Grey Road 21 to service the approved Windfall development;

AND WHEREAS a Road Occupancy Agreement identifies both parties' responsibilities and has been mutually agreed upon;

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

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the Grey Road 21 Occupancy Agreement with the Town of The Blue Mountains.

Carried

TR-TAPS-15-14 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 4 of 2013

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report, noting that only one purchase requires reporting from the last quarter of 2013, being the purchase of steel beam guide rails.

Staff noted that the submission by Royal Fence Limited was the lowest compliant bid.

TAPS25-14 Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

THAT Report TR-TAPS-15-14 regarding the purchase of items and services for the fourth quarter of 2013 be received for information.

Carried

TR-TAPS-16-14 Award of Traffic Signal and Flashing Light Maintenance Tender

Pat Hoy presented the above report for the award of the traffic signal and flashing light maintenance tender. Staff recommend that the tender be awarded to TM3 in the amount of \$106,224 exclusive of HST.

TAPS26-14 Moved by: Councillor Haswell

Seconded by: Councillor White

WHEREAS the 2014 budget for traffic control signal and flashing light maintenance is \$188,200, which consists of scheduled routine maintenance call-outs and non-routine maintenance repairs;

AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-37-13 for traffic control signal and flashing light scheduled routine maintenance and call-outs was issued on Friday, November 29, 2013 and closed on Wednesday, December 18, 2013;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-16-14, being a report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-37-13, traffic control signal and flashing light scheduled routine maintenance and call-outs be received;

AND THAT the tender for traffic control signal and flashing light scheduled routine maintenance and call-outs be awarded to TM3, for a total cost of \$106,224, excluding HST.

Carried

Reports – Emergency Medical Services

EMSR-TAPS-03-14 Land Ambulance Services Grant Transfer Payment Framework Agreement

Mike Muir presented the above report. The Ministry of Health has requested that all municipalities sign the agreement in order to formalize the land ambulance services grant transfer payments.

It was noted that the Ministry bases the 50/50 funding on the allowable costs. Mr. Muir noted that a report can be presented to the Committee on the funding.

TAPS27-14 Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care provides 50/50 funding for the provision of land ambulance service delivery;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry has indicated that continued 50/50 funding is contingent on the County and the Ministry entering into the Land Ambulance Services Grant (LASG) Transfer Payment Framework Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report EMSR-TAPS-03-14 be received;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be prepared to authorize the Warden and Clerk to execute the Land Ambulance Services Grant (LASG) Transfer Payment Framework Agreement.

Carried

The Committee briefly recessed then reconvened.

Closed Meeting Matters

There were none.

Correspondence

Ministry of Rural Affairs – Notification of Unsuccessful Expression of Interest – Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund (SRNMIF)

Michael Kelly noted that the Ministry declined the expression of interest from the County of Grey.

The Committee discussed the merits in advocating for the province to utilize a different model for evaluations of applications.

TAPS28-14 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT the correspondence from the Ministry of Rural Affairs regarding notification of unsuccessful application for the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

Emergency Medical Services Update

Mike Muir addressed the Committee on the Community Referrals by EMS Program, noting it is a formalized extension of what paramedics already do. Paramedics can offer referrals to Community Care Access Centres to set people up with appropriate health care tools.

The recent funding announcement from the Province includes \$6 million to be distributed as a form of one time funding and can be allocated to certain projects.

Staff noted the importance of finding existing gaps and filling a need rather than overlapping services already in existence. The difficulty in keeping continuity of

programs was noted if funding is removed.

Transportation Services Update

Mike Kelly noted that plans were being made to move forward with hiring a structural engineer and sharing the engineer between the County and lower tier municipalities however the process has lost momentum and staff advised that it will remain status quo.

A tender will be issued for road tender signs and lower tier municipalities are invited if there is interest in participating in the tender.

Staff have received a proposal from the fabric supplier for the Feversham Sand Dome regarding the repairs to the dome fabric. Mr. Kelly has communicated the proposals to the Municipality of Grey Highlands who will discuss it at the Council meeting scheduled for January 27, 2014.

The sign shop is in the process of implementing recent changes. The shop will continue to complete 911 signs.

Pat Hoy updated the Committee on road work being undertaken in 2014 and noted that 44 of 99 kilometres of road work will be tendered shortly, with the remaining tenders being issued in February or March.

Next Meeting Dates

February 20, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

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

Alan Barfoot, Chair