

Transportation and Public Safety Committee July 23, 2015 – 10:00 AM

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

Present: Chair Alan Barfoot; Councillors Bob Pringle, Stewart Halliday, Sue Paterson, Harley Greenfield, Ian Boddy, Anna-Marie Fosbrooke, John McKean and John Bell;

Regrets: Warden Kevin Eccles

Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Grant McLevy, Director of Human Resources; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager; Sharon Melville, Buyer; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

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

Adoption of the Agenda

TAPS97-15 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated July 23, 2015 be adopted as amended, by adding correspondence from the Municipality of Grey Highlands regarding the inclusion of Grey Road 31 in the Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program (OMCIP) Expression of Interest.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated June 4, 2015 and June 18, 2015

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on July 7, 2015.

Deputations

Irene McGuire – Request for Exemption from Requirements to Convey Road Widening as a Condition of Severance – Grey Road 112, Municipality of Meaford

Irene McGuire addressed the Committee, requesting an exemption from the requirements to convey road widening on the retained parcel as a condition of severance. It was noted that the property to be severed off does not front on a County road, however the retained parcel does.

Ms. McGuire noted that conveying road widening along the parcel would likely lower the property's value and that the drilled well in the yard would only be 10.5 metres from the edge of the County road after widening was acquired. Though the well is existing, it would not meet the requirements for new builds for minimum distance from sources of contamination.

The Committee discussed the location of the property, as well as the merits of permitting the exemption. It was noted that widening has not been acquired for all properties on Grey Road 112.

TAPS98-15 Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT an exemption from the requirements to convey road widening as a condition of severance per Policy G-GEN-003-002 be granted for 138395 Grey Road 112 (Application B04/2015, Municipality of Meaford).

Carried

Reports – Financial

PSR-TAPS-05-15 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 2 of 2015

Mike Muir and Michael Kelly presented the above noted report, as required by the purchasing policy.

TAPS99-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT Report PSR-TAPS-05-15 regarding the Quarterly Purchasing Report for Quarter 2 of 2015 be received for information.

Carried

FR-TAPS-26-15 Paramedic Services Financial Update and Year End Projection as of May 31, 2015

Mary Lou Spicer presented the above noted report. Staff are anticipating an overall surplus of \$47,800 at year end, based on the financial statements as of May 31, 2015. Ms. Spicer outlined the origin of the anticipated surplus.

TAPS100-15 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

THAT Report FR-TAPS-26-15 regarding a Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2015 for the Paramedic Services Department be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Transportation Services

TR-TAPS-54-15 Engine Brake Courtesy Signage

Michael Kelly addressed the above noted report, requested by the Committee as a result of a recent deputation. Staff are recommending that the current practice of not installing courtesy engine brake signage be maintained.

Discussion occurred on the onus of owners to educate truck drivers on the use of engine brakes and the need for a letter to be sent to St. Mary's Cement requesting it to work with drivers on the use of engine brakes.

It was noted that there is still engine brake signage existing in the County at various locations, which will be removed as they become nonfunctional.

TAPS101-15 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor McKean

WHEREAS a delegation attended the Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting on May 21, 2015 regarding the placement of engine brake signage on Grey Road 31 in Singhampton;

AND WHEREAS the following resolution was passed at the May 21, 2015 Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting and endorsed at the June 2, 2015 County Council;

That staff be requested to bring forth a report that examines courtesy signage which requests drivers to refrain from the use of engine brakes for presentation to committee.

AND WHEREAS engine brake courtesy signs are not recognized in the Highway Traffic Act or Ontario Traffic Manuals, nor do they have any legal status;

AND WHEREAS St. Mary's Cement is communicating with the drivers using its quarry on Grey Road 31 to minimize the noise they make in the residential area;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-54-15 regarding the installation of engine brake courtesy signage be received;

AND THAT Grey County continues its practice not to install additional engine brake courtesy signs on Grey Roads.

Carried

TR-TAPS-56-15 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulating Traffic and Parking within the County of Grey Roads System – Schedule “H” and “U” Grey Road 4

Mike Kelly presented the above noted report. Staff are recommending that a no parking zone be implemented on the east side of Bruce Street North from Lambton Street West and Chester Street West.

TAPS102-15 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS Grey County Council passed By-Law 4788-13 to regulate traffic and parking on roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Grey;

AND WHEREAS there is a safety concern on Grey Road 4 (Bruce Street North) in the community of Durham;

AND WHEREAS the modification of By-Law 4788-13 to restrict parking on the east side of Bruce Street would improve the safety of Grey Road 4:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-56-15 be received;

AND THAT By-Law 4788-13 Schedule “H” and “U” be amended as follows:

Schedule “H”

**By-Law 4788-13
 Section 4.2 (j)**

No Parking – For Restricted Times – During Winter Season

| Grey Road No. | Description | Time of Day that No Parking is Applicable | Dates that No Parking is Applicable |
|---|--|--|--|
| 4 (Lambton St. E. and W., Bruce St. N., and Durham Road West, Durham) | Both sides of the road within the limits of the geographic Town of Durham, except for the east side of Bruce St. N. from Lambton St. W. to Chester St. W. | 12 a.m. to 7 a.m. | November 15 to April 15 |

Schedule “U”

**By-Law 4788-13 Amended by By-law 4901-15 June 2, 2015
 Section 4.2 (c)**

No Parking Where Signs Posted

| Grey Road No. | Side of Road | From | To |
|--|---------------------|--|--|
| 4 (Bruce Street North) | East side | The intersection of Lambton Street West | The intersection of Chester Street West |

Carried

TR-TAPS-57-15 Transportation Services Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2015

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report. Staff are anticipating an overall deficit of \$19,000 at year end. Mr. Kelly outlined each of the budgets and the respective year end projections.

TAPS103-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT Report TR-TAPS-57-15 regarding the Transportation Services Department Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2015 be received.

AND THAT the rehabilitation of Grey Road 3 from Bentinck-Sullivan Townline to Grey Road 25 be deferred from 2015 to reduce the anticipated overall deficit of the Transportation Services Department.

Carried

The Committee briefly recessed, then reconvened.

TR-TAPS-59-15 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulating Traffic and Parking Within the County of Grey Roads System Schedule "O"

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report. Staff are recommending a change to the parking by-law regarding the speeds in school zones based on a request from Highpoint Community School.

TAPS104-15 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

WHEREAS Grey County Council passed By-Law 4788-13 to regulate traffic and parking on roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Grey;

AND WHEREAS modifications to By-Law 4788-13 are recommended to accommodate the revised school schedule at Highpoint Community School (Dundalk);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-59-15 be received;

AND THAT the By-Law 4788-13 be amended as follows:

Schedule "O"

By-Law 4788-13

**Amended by 4818-13 November 5, 2013 and 4874-14 October 7, 2014
Section 5.3 (a) (iv)**

**Rates of Speed in School Zones for Restricted Times
40 kilometers per hour**

| Grey Road No. | Location | Effective Time |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 9 | Highpoint Community School, Dundalk | During school days |

| Grey Road No. | Location | Effective Time |
|---------------|--|---|
| | from the intersection of Ida Street to 25 metres north of Dundalk Street | 8:15 to 9:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 11:50 a.m. 1:20 to 2:00 1:50 p.m. 3:30 3:20 to 4:00 p.m. |

Carried

TR-TAPS-60-15 Ontario Municipal Infrastructure Program for Cycling

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report, noting that municipalities can apply for 50% funding through the Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program (OMCIP) for assistance with building new or improving existing bicycling infrastructure.

Staff are recommending that an expression of interest be submitted for portions of Grey Road 17 and 18.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding the width of bicycle lanes.

Councillor Halliday requested that the Committee consider including a portion of Grey Road 31 in the Expression of Interest as part of a joint application with the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

TAPS105-15 Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has established a \$10 million Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program (OMCIP);

AND WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are eligible to apply once for OMCIP funds up to 50% of the total eligible project cost of a cycling infrastructure project, with a maximum contribution of \$325,000;

AND WHEREAS municipalities must submit an expression of interest (EOI) application to the Ministry of Transportation by August 6, 2015 at 5:00 pm;

AND WHEREAS the criteria specify that the project must be completed by March 31, 2018;

AND WHEREAS Grey County is a popular destination for cyclists and additional cycling facilities would enhance the experience;

AND WHEREAS the Transportation Services Department has identified several road construction projects on the five year capital

program prior to March 31, 2018 that meet the current requirements for paved shoulders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-60-15 regarding the OMCIP be received;

AND THAT the Transportation Service Department shall submit an expression of interest (EOI) to apply for funding to construct paved shoulders on the following Construction Projects:

- **Grey Road 18 from Grey Road 5 to King's Highway 21 (\$170,000)**
- **Grey Road 17 from Grey Road 17B to Girl Guide Road (\$75,000)**
- **Grey Road 17 from 1.9 kilometres south of Wolseley to King's Highway 6 (\$400,000)**

Carried

Correspondence

Receive for Information

TAPS106-15 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- **Township of Southgate – Grey County Roads Lower Tier Signage**
- **Aecom – Highway 26 Needs Assessment**
- **R.J. Burnside – Intersection Improvements for the Highway 26 Corridor from Grey Road 19 to Grey Road 21**
- **Municipality of Grey Highlands – Request to Include Grey Road 31 as part of the Expression of Interest for Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program**

Carried

Other Business

Mike Muir noted that a report will be forthcoming regarding ceasing cross border billing with Bruce County. The County of Grey does not have agreements with other bordering municipalities for cross border billing.

Chair Barfoot noted that additional work is required to get approval for treating wild chervil outside of the municipal right of way. A report will be forthcoming on the matter.

Michael Kelly provided the Committee with an update regarding plow routes. Mr. Kelly

noted that the Transportation Services Review was completed in May 2013 and outlined a number of recommendations. One of the recommendations within the review included utilizing a blended model for plowing, including both outsourcing and using County staff. Staff wish to outsource contracts where vehicles need to be replaced and where there are staffing vacancies.

Staff wish to send out a tender to outsource up to two routes. The intent is for the plows to be housed at the Dundalk yard.

Grant McLevy noted the importance of normalizing the workforce. Concern was expressed regarding the outsourcing of these routes at this time. Further, it was noted that housing staff and the Contractors in the same base is not ideal for labour relations.

It was noted that the contract could be changed to house the plows at a different location, however it is possible that this would increase the costs and reduce competition.

Staff spoke to desire to keep the blended model and retain expertise surrounding plowing.

Discussion occurred on timing of the project and the implications timing has for costs and competition. Further discussion occurred on the need to recoup the costs of providing space to the contractors.

TAPS107-15 Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT staff be directed to prepare a report no later than November 2015 regarding the potential of outsourcing specific plow routes.

Carried

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, August 20, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Paterson, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Alan Barfoot, Chair