

Report TR-TAPS-82-14

To: Chair Barfoot and Members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee
From: M.J. Kelly, Director of Transportation Services
Meeting Date: November 6, 2014
Subject: Consultant Assignment - Environmental Assessment - Intersection of Grey Road 19 and 21
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution TAPS138-14; Endorsed by County Council per Resolution CC162-14 November 25, 2014;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS at the October 23, 2014 Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting staff was directed to complete a report when a Consultant Assignment was to be tendered;

AND WHEREAS the Transportation Services Department wishes to complete a Request for Proposal to complete a Schedule B Environmental Assessment for the design of the intersection at Grey Road 21, Simcoe Road 34/Grey Road 19 and Mountain Road (Town of Collingwood);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-82-14 regarding the Consultant Assignment for a Request for Proposal to complete a Schedule B Environmental Assessment for the design of the intersection at Grey Road 21, Simcoe Road 34/Grey Road 19 and Mountain Road (Town of Collingwood) be received for information purposes.

Background

As per direction provided at the Transportation and Public Safety Meeting held on October 23, 2014 staff is required to complete a report informing when the Department is planning to retain a consultant to complete a project.

The intersection of Simcoe Road 34/Grey Road 19, Grey Road 21 and Mountain Road (Town of Collingwood) is under the joint jurisdiction of both Simcoe County and Grey County. The intersection appears to be experiencing operational problems and it is

anticipated that the congestion will increase with the anticipated development in the vicinity.

The existing intersection includes traffic control signals and some auxiliary lanes (turning lanes). It is anticipated that the intersection will require a roundabout or an upgraded intersection with additional auxiliary lanes. This assignment will consider and analyze a number of options, and recommend the best solution based on a variety of factors such as cost and environmental issues.

The Windfall Medium Density Block development is located in the north western quadrant of this intersection. They are wishing to begin construction within the next year. However, the development configuration could be impacted by the recommended intersection design. In addition, there is a variety of other issues such as utilities and businesses that could be affected in the other quadrants.

This project will be completed and jointly funded by Simcoe County and Grey County through Development Charges. In accordance with the agreement between Simcoe County and Grey County, Grey County is required to take the lead on this project.

The Grey County Transportation Services Engineering Section does not have the resources to complete this project with “in house” staff. Grey County has not historically completed Environmental Assessment Type B Assignments and as a result, does not have the required expertise. In addition, there is expected to be some public involvement in this project and as a result there are advantages to have a third party complete the work. Simcoe County is in agreement to have a consultant complete the work.

The project will be assigned to a consultant in accordance with the Grey County Procurement Policy regarding Request for Proposals.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

The expected cost for this consultant assignment is \$30,000 which will be shared equally between Simcoe County and Grey County. This project was not anticipated in the 2014 Budget, however there will be no levy impact as Grey County will use Development Charges to fund this project.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Strategic Goal 1.4 – Initiate Environmental Assessments and the necessary planning for strategic infrastructure projects to enable the county to be “shovel ready”.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Director of Transportation Services