



Committee Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee May 19, 2016 – 10:00 AM

The Transportation and Public Safety Committee met on the above date at the Transportation Services Depot in Chatsworth 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; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk/Records Manager; Rob Hatten, Communications Officer; Penny Colton, Executive Assistant to the Warden and CAO and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Adoption of the Agenda

TAPS60-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated May 19, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

*Transportation and Public Safety Committee Closed meeting
minutes dated April 21, 2016*

TAPS61-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

**THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee
closed meeting minutes dated April 21, 2016 be adopted
as provided to the Committee.**

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

*Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated April
21, 2016*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on May 3, 2016.

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-32-16 Grey Road 119 Slope Rehabilitation

Pat Hoy addressed the Committee on the above report, noting that the slope on Grey Road 119 east of Ravenna, requires repair and rehabilitation because of slope failure. Additional signage has been placed to warn motorists until the problem is fixed.

Committee inquired as to whether that portion of the road will have paved shoulders following the repair. Mr. Hoy noted that this is a patch only, and that the County will be changing the grade and rehabilitating the road in 2017 per the five year capital plan.

It was noted that Grey Road 119 is a busy road in the summer and the road will need to be closed during the construction. In an effort to minimize the negative impacts, staff hope that arrangements can be made to begin the project in June.

It was requested that signage be posted in advance of the closure for motorists who use this route because of the Highway 26 construction.

TAPS62-16 Moved by: Warden Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

WHEREAS the 2016 approved budget included \$1,184,380 to pulverize and pave/rehabilitate Grey Road 119 from the 4th Line (Banks) to Grey Road 2 (Ravenna);

AND WHEREAS TR-TAPS-15-16, Resolution TAPS33-16, recommended that this project be delayed until 2017;

AND WHEREAS a partial slope failure on Grey Road 119 in April 2016 affected the structure of the road;

AND WHEREAS warranty work and additional work is required on Grey Road 119 in order to complete project RFT-TS-16-15;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-32-16 regarding Grey Road 119 Slope Rehabilitation and Drainage Improvements be received;

AND THAT Grey County Staff complete the work on the slope rehabilitation and that the drainage improvements related to RFT-TS-16-15 be completed by E.C. King Construction;

AND FINALLY THAT the projected expenditure of \$500,000 be funded from the Transportation Services General Reserve.

Carried

TR-TAPS-33-16 Grey Road 15 Setback Exemption Request

Pat Hoy addressed the above noted report. Staff are recommending that the exemption request be granted.

TAPS63-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Jack

WHEREAS the Grey County Transportation Services Department policy on the erection of buildings and structures on lands abutting Grey County Roads specifies that no building or structure shall be erected within 75 feet (22.9 meters) from the centreline of any County road unless approved by the Director of Transportation Services and the Transportation and Public Safety Committee;

AND WHEREAS Alpha Precast is seeking permission from Grey County to construct a 24" tall landscaping berm along the west side of a proposed parking area expansion at the Alpha Precast property 32 feet (9.8 metres) from the centreline of Grey Road 15 at the property municipally described as 2795 East Bayshore Road in the City of Owen Sound;

AND WHEREAS accommodating the requested setback exemption will not have any adverse impact on Grey Road 15;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-33-16 be received;

AND THAT the request for a building setback of 32 feet (9.8 metres) from the centreline of Grey Road 15 for the construction of a landscaping berm at 2795 East Bayshore Road (Grey Road 15) in the City of Owen Sound, be approved.

Carried

TR-TAPS-34-16 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulating Traffic and Parking Within the County of Grey Roads System - Schedule "N"

Pat Hoy presented the report, recommending a change to the by-law to regulate traffic and parking. The proposed change is on Grey Road 31 north of Singhampton, reducing the speed from 70km/hour to 60km/hour.

Committee inquired as to whether additional signage can be implemented to address the speeding issue. Committee discussed the merits of signage, as well as the possibility that too many signs can decrease their effectiveness.

Committee noted that the Township of Clearview should be notified of the change as well.

TAPS64-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy 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 Staff propose that the 300 metre length of Grey Road 31, north of Simcoe Road 124, have the speed limit reduced to 60 kilometres per hour;

AND WHEREAS the Schedule “N” Rates of Speed and the signs in the field must be consistent to be enforceable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-34-16 regarding the proposed revisions to Schedule “N” Rates of Speed be received;

AND THAT Schedule “N” Rates of Speed of By-Law 4788-13 be amended as follows to reflect the proposed revisions;

Schedule “N”

By-Law 4788-13

Amended by By-law 4901-15 June 2, 2015 and 4921-16 January 5, 2016

Section 5.3 (a) (ii)
Rates of Speed

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Grey Road No.	From	To	Rate of Speed
31	The intersection at Grey Road No. 124 (Singhampton)	A point 300 metres north of intersection at Grey Road 124	60 kilometres per hour

Carried

TR-TAPS-35-16 Request from the Town of the Blue Mountains to Transfer County Roads

Kim Wingrove provided an outline of the proposal from the Town of the Blue Mountains. Some of the elements of the proposal include the County using Sections 311 and 326 of the Municipal Act to special levy the other eight lower tier municipalities for County Transportation Services, with the Blue Mountains being exempt, Blue Mountains making a transfer payment of \$500,000 to the County annually, the County resurfacing Grey Road 119 at its own cost, transfer of ownership of the Clarksburg Depot and the County transferring 26% of all current Transportation Services reserves and reserve funds to the Blue Mountains.

Ms. Wingrove noted that it appears the rationale for this proposal is because the taxes as currently levied are viewed as inequitable. It is staff's hope that a conversation could happen to help address this perception.

Ms. Wingrove then explained the concept of property taxation, which is a measure of wealth cumulatively as reflected by property assessment values. The County raises taxation to meet needs of residents. Councillors have input on the levels of services provided and levels of expenditure.

The Municipal Act does not provide for discretion in allocating costs between municipalities unless there is a service being provided in one specific area that is not available to all of the lower tiers. Ms. Wingrove noted that there have been no reports of deficient or missing County services.

Section 326 of the Municipal Act allows a municipality to identify a "special service" and recover those cost associated with the service. The Blue Mountains wish the County to declare road maintenance and construction a special service. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Gary Scandlan of C.N. Watson and Associates to attend County Council to discuss the implications of the proposal from a Municipal Act perspective.

Ms. Wingrove noted that the request to transfer 26 % of reserves and reserve funds, the Clarksburg Depot Yard and some roads and structures is of concern. The value of these assets total over \$100,000,000 and were paid for by all municipalities in the County. There is no offer to compensate for these assets. Also, the Blue Mountains contribution to the levy has not always been 26%.

Further, the request does not consider union contracts, which are not set to expire until 2017. These contracts prohibit any layoffs as a result of contracting out of work.

Committee noted that opportunity still exists for the Blue Mountains to come back with a different proposal if this one does not move forward.

It was noted that the County welcomes conversations around service levels and different options.

The Committee noted that the municipalities should seek to find an equitable solution.

Staff can bring a report forward that discusses other avenues to address the concerns expressed by the Blue Mountains.

TAPS65-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS Grey County Council directed Staff to meet with The Blue Mountains' Staff to investigate the feasibility of transferring the download of Grey County Roads in The Blue Mountains, as a pilot project proposal to be implemented by August 1, 2017;

AND WHEREAS Council directed Staff to bring back a proposal for County Council's consideration;

AND WHEREAS The Blue Mountains has provided a proposal for consideration to Grey County that requests permanent devolution of transportation infrastructure and the transfer of financial resources, which were contributed to by all member municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the County of Grey has a responsibility to represent the best interests of all member municipalities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-35-16 be received;

AND THAT The Blue Mountains be advised that Grey County Council wishes to decline the proposal as presented.

Carried

TAPS66-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the County of Grey continues discussions with the Town of the Blue Mountains on other proposals and solutions and considers other opportunities to provide improved and more efficient services across Grey County.

Carried

The Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

TR-TAPS-36-16 Completion of the East Durham Wind Oversized-Overweight Road Use Agreement

Kim Wingrove presented the above noted report to provide the Committee with the status of the East Durham Wind project and ask for support to enter into a letter agreement with East Durham Wind to finalize the relationship.

It was noted that a performance bond in the amount of \$200,000 is being held as security under the Road Use Agreement.

The turbine construction is complete and a third party post haulage assessment has been received. No damage to the roads or structures from the overweight loads was identified, but this will have to be monitored over the next two years.

East Durham Wind is prepared to provide the County with \$100,000 in compensation against any reduction in the lifespan of the roads that may occur. The performance bond will be released in its entirety.

Committee inquired as to whether it is beneficial to take the \$100,000 compensation and put it into a separate fund in case there's work which will need to be done on the roads in the future. Kevin Wepler noted that the funds went into the general reserve in 2015, however it could easily be moved into a separate reserve if Council wished.

The entrances have not been completed yet, however staff still have securities from the entrance permit which is separate from the security collected under the road use agreement.

Inquiry was made as to whether collecting compensation for shortened life of the roadway is a policy going forward. Ms. Wingrove noted that if there is not something in the County's policies about this, staff can bring the matter back and ensure that it is consistent in the future.

TAPS67-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor McKean

THAT the 100k payment from East Durham Wind be transferred from the general reserve and allocated to a separate reserve for future upgrades to Grey Roads 23/4 (to be used for road work that may be needed in the future on the roads that were affected by the road use agreement).

Carried

TAPS68-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

WHEREAS the East Durham Wind Oversized-Overweight Road Use Agreement was enacted by By-Law 4584-14;

AND WHEREAS the wind turbine installation project is complete and a final inspection of the County roads and

structures has taken place and found no evidence of damage to these assets;

AND WHEREAS East Durham Wind LP wishes to provide, and the County of Grey wishes to accept a payment of \$100,000 in recognition of the possibility of the roads and structures having a shortened lifespan as a result of the transport of overweight cargo;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-36-16 be received;

AND THAT Council directs the Warden and the Clerk to enter into the Letter Agreement in full satisfaction of East Durham Wind LP's obligations under the Road Use Agreement to Permit Transport of Oversized Cargo.

Carried

Correspondence

Receive for Information - Ministry of Labour - Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act and Municipal Act, 2001 Process for Municipal Restructuring

Kim Wingrove explained the Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act, noting that staff are working on how to best respond to the requirements of the legislation, and keep our employees safe and healthy.

TAPS69-16 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- **Ministry of Labour - Supporting Ontario's First Responders Act**
- **Municipal Act, 2001 Process for Municipal Restructuring**

Carried

Other Business

Mike Muir noted that at the capital budget meetings, Committee requested the Chatsworth Municipal Office site be looked at as a possible location for the Chatsworth Ambulance base.

The project architect will review both sites and provide suggestions on what location would be best.

The Ontario government is sponsoring the Ontario Government Awards for Paramedic Bravery. Four Grey County paramedics are receiving this award for their acts of bravery.

Special Presentation

The former County Wardens in attendance at the meeting introduced themselves.

Committee then proceeded to the presentation, acknowledging the snow plow donation of Mr. Stan Baker.

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, June 23, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.

John Bell, Chair