



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee Minutes November 8, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Present: Vice Chair Francis Richardson, Councillors Bob Pringle, John Bell, Brian Milne, Deborah Haswell, Bob White, Paul McQueen, and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Chair Alan Barfoot and Councillor Ellen Anderson

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Mike Muir, Director of EMS; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; and Diana Livingston and Tara Warder, Recording Secretaries

Call to Order

Vice Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

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These minutes were for information only as they were adopted as amended by Grey County Council on November 6, 2012.

At the meeting held November 6, 2012, County Council referred resolution TAPS74-12 respecting Report TR-TAPS-46-12 Carrick-Normanby bridge back to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee for further consideration.

Councillor Pringle entered the meeting.

Warden McKinlay noted that it was his understanding that there is an historical funding model of 40-40-10-10 and the lower tiers wish to set their funding at \$100,000. The intent of the Committee is to develop reconstruction alternatives which are less costly and meet the needs of all parties. Mr. Kelly noted indicated that he has spoken with numerous parties regarding options for the reconstruction of the Carrick-Normanby bridge and work is ongoing to find alternative reconstruction proposals.

TAPS79-12 Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Milne

WHEREAS Resolution TAPS74-12 regarding alternatives for reconstruction and funding of the Carrick-Normanby bridge was referred by Council back to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution TAPS74-12 be rescinded;

AND THAT staff prepare a report to be presented to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee respecting the reconstruction of the Carrick-Normanby bridge.

Carried

Deputations

Ministry of Transportation

Isaac Bartlett of Stantec, and Charles Organ, Project Manager for the Ministry of Transportation, attended Committee to present information on the future rehabilitation project of Highway 6 and 10 from Chatsworth to Owen Sound and the Highway 6 and 10 junction. The projects will include improved sight lines, drainage and intersection improvements, regrading, and improvements to the existing commercial vehicle inspection facility near the southerly limit of Owen Sound. An overview of the Environmental Assessment Process was provided, as well as mitigation efforts, staging details, improvements to safety and existing conditions on the subject roadway.

Mr. Organ noted that this section of highway is reaching the point of warranting four lanes; however the budget provincially is restricted and the focus is on ensuring current infrastructure across the province is maintained which doesn't provide for adding lanes.

It was noted that work is expected to be completed by November 2013, and that there will be a Public Information Centre held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Owen Sound.

Comments may be communicated to Stantec up to December 15, 2012.

Grey Road 1 Delegation

Vice Chair Richardson welcomed Ms. Patricia Searle. Ms. Searle provided information on behalf of a number of residents along Grey Road 1 to reduce the speed limit from Cheshire's Monument to Jane Miller Park to 60 km per hour from 80 km per hour. Concerns were expressed regarding road shoulders, increasing traffic volume, pedestrians, bicycle traffic, and accidents/near accidents which have occurred along this particular section.

Committee members provided comments respecting the delegation.

The Committee recessed briefly and then reconvened.

Reports – Transportation

Addendum to TR-TAPS-40-12 – Speed Limit Reduction Request for Grey Road 1

Mr. Kelly provided an overview of Addendum to Report TR-TAPS-40-12, respecting the speed limit reduction request by residents of Grey Road 1. Mr. Kelly indicated that the Ontario Provincial Police have not expressed concerns with speeding motor vehicles in that area and few accidents.

TAPS80-12 Moved by: Councillor Haswell

Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT Addendum to Report TR-TAPS-40-12, recommending that the posted speed limit on Grey County Road from Cheshire’s Monument to Jane Miller Park be received;

AND THAT the speed limit be reduced to 60 km per hour on Grey Road 1 from Cheshire’s Monument to Jane Miller park;

Lost

TAPS81-12 Moved by: Councillor Haswell

Seconded by: Warden McKinlay

THAT Addendum to Report TR-TAPS-40-12 recommending that the posted speed limit on Grey County Road from Cheshire’s Monument to Jane Miller Park be received;

AND THAT the matter be deferred to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting to be held November 22, 2012.

Carried

Reports – Finance

TR-TAPS-52-12 – Budget to Actual Overview To September 30, 2012

Mr. Kelly presented the Budget to Actual overview to September 30, 2012 for the budgets that the Committee oversees. It was noted that the Transportation Services budgets under this Committee are projected to have an overall surplus, excluding gas tax revenue.

TAPS82-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT Report TR-TAPS-52-12 regarding a Budget to Actual overview to September 30, 2012 and a projection of actual to year end for those Transportation Services budgets under the direction of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee, be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-53-12 - Tree Removal - County Road 31 - Osprey Museum

TAPS83-12 Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

THAT Report TR-TAPS-53-12 respecting tree removal on Grey County Road 31 in front of the Osprey Museum, be deferred to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting to be held on November 22, 2012.

Carried

TR-TAPS-54-12 – Environmental Assessment Investigations - Durham

Mr. Kelly provided information on the above noted report regarding the status of an environmental assessment for the County-owned property located at 183 South Street East beside the Tim Horton's restaurant in Durham. It was noted that TDL Group has initiated an environmental assessment of the property as a condition of an offer to purchase the subject lands and that a small amount of contamination has been found, however it is unlikely to hinder commercial land use in that area. The Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Environmental Site Investigation report have been forwarded to TDL Group. Mr. Kelly noted that a staff report will be brought forward in the future outlining the options to remove contamination on the retained parcel.

TAPS84-12 Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT Report TR-TAPS-54-12 which provides an update of the Environmental Assessment Investigation regarding the Grey County property located at 183 South Street East, Durham, in the Municipality of West Grey, be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Emergency Medical Services

EMSR-TAPS-13-12 Base Hospital Memorandum of Understanding

Mr. Muir provided information regarding a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Grey County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program. It was noted that the purpose of the MOU is to define the duties of Grey County Emergency Medical Services and the Base Hospital. Mr. Muir indicated that EMS staff are content that the MOU will meet the needs of Grey County.

TAPS85-12 Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS Grey County Emergency Medical Services receives medical oversight services from the Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program;

AND WHEREAS regulations contained in the Ambulance Act require that an Ambulance Service Provider enters into a signed agreement with a designated Base Hospital Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a by-law be prepared allowing the Warden and Clerk to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Grey and the Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Program of London Health Sciences Centre.

Carried

Other Business

Transportation Services Update

Mr. Kelly provided an update respecting to recent activities of the Transportation Services Department, including the hiring of a Junior Technologist, the completion of winter training and the recent hosting of a weed control meeting regarding Wild Chervil. It was further noted that Police Services Announcements will be continued for the 2012-2013 winter season, and that a preliminary design report has been completed on a proposed roundabout in Alvanley.

Mr. Kelly then gave a brief review of the Winter Maintenance Policy respecting maintenance routes.

Councillor Haswell left the meeting.

Emergency Medical Services Update

Mr. Muir indicated that the Owen Sound base was subject to a spot inspection by the Ministry of Health and complimented County staff on their ongoing work, as no issues were noted by the Ministry of Health.

Next Meeting Dates

November 22, 2012 - The Blue Mountains Fire Department – Jerry K. Teed Fire Hall in Craigeith.

On motion by Warden McKinlay, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Francis Richardson, Vice Chair