
Transportation and Public Safety Committee

June 19, 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 Bob Pringle, Wayne Fitzgerald, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell, Duncan McKinlay and John Bell; and Warden Brian Milne

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance 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.

Minutes of Meetings

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated June 5, 2014

The minutes were reviewed.

TAPS80-14 Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated June 5, 2014 be adopted as presented.

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-39-14 Road Assessment Study – New or Modified

Developments

Michael Kelly presented the above report, noting the potential for damage to the road with frequent truck traffic carrying heavy loads.

Staff are recommending that a working committee be formed to discuss the issues, consisting of the Chairs of the Transportation and Public Safety, Planning and Community Development and Corporate Services Committees.

Discussion occurred on the responsibility of the County to be aware of how the road is constructed and how much responsibility lies with quarry operators in terms of undertaking road assessment studies and road repair.

It was noted that Council opted to exempt commercial and industrial development from development charges thereby deciding that road improvements be borne by the taxpayers. A suggestion to reconsider whether commercial and industrial development charges should be implemented and how it can capture the needs of the aggregate industry was cited.

TAPS81-14 Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS when a new development occurs that includes a significant number of heavy truck traffic, the longevity of the road may be reduced and/or the structure of the road may need to be enhanced to accommodate the additional traffic;

AND WHEREAS a Road Assessment Study can predict the reduction of the life of the road with the new development traffic, as well as the upgrades that will need to be completed as a result of the new development traffic;

AND WHEREAS the developer contributions to road work should be administered consistently and fairly;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-39-14 regarding the requirement for road assessment studies to be completed be received;

AND THAT a working group be formed that will include the Chair persons of Corporate Services, Planning and Community Development and Transportation and Public Safety Committees as well as the Directors of Finance, Planning and Transportation Services;

AND THAT the purpose of the Committee will be to develop a policy to determine when Road Assessment Studies are required and the responsibilities of work (cost) identified in the Road Assessment Study as a result of a development;

AND THAT until a policy can be developed, all new applications (including additions) for pits and quarry developments be required to complete a Road Assessment Study on proposed haul routes;

AND THAT until a policy can be developed, all other new developments that in the opinion of the Directors of Planning and Transportation Services could have a significant effect on Grey County Roads, be required to complete a Road Assessment Study.

TAPS82-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT motion TAPS81-14 be amended by removing the last two clauses and replacing them with the following:

THAT staff report to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee when, in the opinion of the Director of Transportation Services, a road assessment study is needed for any new development;

AND THAT the Committee provide a decision on the need for a road assessment study for the consideration of County Council.

Carried

Motion TAPS81-14 was then voted on with the amendment stated in TAPS82-14 included. The motion as amended was Carried.

TR-TAPS-47-14 2013-2014 Winter Maintenance Summary

Michael Kelly presented the above report summarizing winter maintenance activities over the past winter season.

Discussion occurred on the use of pretreated salt.

TAPS83-14 Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

WHEREAS at the May 22, 2014 Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting the Director of Transportation was requested to complete a report summarizing the 2013-2014 Winter Maintenance Patrol meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-47-14 regarding the 2013-2014 Winter Maintenance Patrol meeting be received for information.

Carried

TR-TAPS-48-14 RFT-TS-13-14 Grey Road 30 Pulverize and Hot Mix Paving Award

Michael Kelly presented the above report, recommending that the tender for Grey Road 30 hot mix paving be awarded to The Murray Group in the amount of \$826,560.46 excluding HST.

Staff noted that the project includes the reconstruction of Bowles Hill. The price of the contract is higher than anticipated because the budget estimate was completed prior to the final design. Due to the topography of the hill, the project is more labour intensive.

Staff are recommending that the shortfall be funded from the surplus realized in the Grey Road 1 hot mix paving tender.

TAPS84-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS the 2014 budget for two Grey Road 30 Hot Mix Paving projects was \$792,000 - the project consisting of paving, curve realignment, curb installation, design, tendering, construction, inspection, and quality assurance;

AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-13-14, Grey Road 30 Hot Mix Paving was issued on Thursday, May 15, 2014 and closed on Tuesday, June 3, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-48-14 being a report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-13-14, be received;

AND THAT RFT-TS-13-14 be awarded to The Murray Group for a bid price of \$826,560.46, excluding HST;

AND THAT 10% contingency and 5% contract administration and quality assurance, be added to the total project expenditure for a revised project cost to the County of Grey of \$967,274.11 net HST;

AND FURTHER THAT the approximate \$333,000 remaining surplus from tender RFT-TS-12-14 (Grey Road 1) be utilized to fund the approximate \$285,000 budgeted shortfall for RFT-TS-13-14 (Grey Road 30).

Carried

TR-TAPS-49-14 Grey Road 4 Road Occupancy Agreement – Harold Sutherland Construction

Michael Kelly addressed the above report. A road occupancy agreement is required between Grey County and Harold Sutherland Construction. Staff are recommending that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the road occupancy agreement and that a by-law be prepared for Council's consideration.

TAPS85-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

WHEREAS Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd. (HSC) , at its cost, is required to construct an entrance and additional lanes on Grey Road 4 to safely accommodate the proposed Hooper pit located on Grey Road 4 Con 1 NDR Pt Lot 16 Lot 17 to 18, in the Township of West Grey, adjacent to Grey Road 4;

AND WHEREAS a Road Occupancy agreement has been written and mutually agreed upon, that identifies HSC's and Grey County's responsibilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-49-14 be received;

AND THAT a by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Grey Road 4 Occupancy Agreement with HSC.

Carried

Other Business

Staff addressed questions from the Committee on upcoming road tenders, road repair and paving shoulders of County roads.

It was noted that the Ontario Good Roads Association is looking into best practices for paved shoulders.

An update was provided on the reconstruction of Grey Road 19. A public consultation is not required, but could be arranged if desired. The Committee suggested that consultation may assist in fine tuning the design to better meet the needs of road users.

Further discussion occurred on “no parking” signs in the Municipality of Meaford near the hospital. It was noted that signage was installed in accordance with the Traffic by-law.

Councillor Pringle noted that the Social Services Committee requested that he bring forward the suggestion that the wood cut during roadside cutting be used for the Housing Department’s Sustainable Housing Benefit Program. Staff will collaborate with one another on the matter.

Transportation Services Update

Michael Kelly provided an update to the Committee, noting that the Dupont herbicide Truvist used in the eradication and control of wild chervil, has received federal approval and it is anticipated that provincial approval will be received in the summer 2014. Mr. Kelly is awaiting additional information from Dupont and will complete a report when all the information is received.

Mr. Kelly indicated that it has been just over a year since the Transportation Service Review was completed and a number of initiatives have been implemented. He advised the Committee that he will be communicating with staff so that there is full understanding of the direction that Council has approved.

Paramedic Services Update

Mike Muir provided an update to the Committee on the status of Community Paramedicine Initiatives. Staff are hopeful that funding will be received for the initiatives.

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, July 24, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Alan Barfoot, Chair