Transportation and Public Safety Committee

February 21, 2013 – 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: Chair Brian Milne; Councillors Bob Pringle, Alan Barfoot, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell, Kevin Eccles; and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillors Ellen Anderson, Bob White and Paul McQueen

Staff Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk / Director of Council Services; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Grant McLevy, Director of Human Resources; Sharon Melville, Buyer; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager; Wendy Henderson, Ontario Works Manager; Kevin McNab, Operations Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Chair Milne called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated January 24, 2013

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on February 5, 2013.
Reports – Clerk

CCR-TAPS-05-13 – Parking By-law Update

Sharon Vokes presented the above report regarding By-law 4078-03 governing parking regulations, noting that it has had many revisions since being adopted in 2003. Staff are recommending that By-law 4078-03 be repealed and that a new by-law be prepared for Council’s consideration. It was noted that amendments to this by-law should be limited to an annual basis if possible.

TAPS18-13 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

WHEREAS the County of Grey has adopted By-law 4078-03 to regulate traffic and parking on roads as legislated through Section 11 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, providing that an upper tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting highways, including parking and traffic on highways under its jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS By-law 4078-03 has undergone in excess of thirty amendments over a period of nine years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Grey enact By-law 4788-13, a by-law to regulate Traffic and Parking on Highways within the Grey County roads’ system;

AND THAT upon passing of By-law 4788-13, staff forward Schedule A – Set Fines Schedule to the Province for approval;

AND FURTHER THAT upon provincial approval, staff forward by-law 4788-13 to the lower tier municipalities for enforcement.

Carried

TR-TAPS-10-13 – Recommendations for the 2013 Transportation Services Budget Adjustment

Pat Hoy addressed the Committee on the noted report, highlighting some recommended program changes for 2013. Mr. Hoy indicated that the work program was developed in August and September of 2012 and since that time, staff have recommendations on adjustments to the program. Mr. Hoy further provided information on what projects are recommended for deferral, including portions of County Road 3, County Road 30 and County Road 13. It was noted that the specified sections of County Road 3 and 30 roads may require some degree of design and realignment, and that County Road 13 will be combined with another project nearby in order to recognize economies of scale.
WHEREAS the Transportation Services Department Budget included 13 identified projects for Hot Mix Resurfacing, Cold-In-Place Recycling and Hot Mix Overlay with a total expenditure of $8,851,439;

AND WHEREAS the proposed work and cost estimates to complete the 13 projects were based on preliminary information;

AND WHEREAS as a result of additional information obtained during the detail design of the proposed projects modifications are recommended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-10-13 be received;

AND THAT the following projects are deferred to 2014:

• County Road 13 – F24-27 Microsurfacing – Hot Mix Resurfacing Budget
• County Road 3 F18-27 – Cold in Place Recycling Budget
• County Road 30 F9 - Cold in Place Recycling Budget

AND THAT the following project is added to the 2013 capital budget:

• County Road 3 F30,33,36- Microsurfacing

Carried

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-09-13 – Ontario Works Van Replacement Reserve Transfer Request

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report. It was noted that Transportation Services has begun to administer the Social Services fleet on their behalf. Mr. Kelly further stated that the Social Services Department planned on replacing its seven passenger van in 2013; however replacement of the fifteen passenger van has since become a priority. Approval is required to modify and increase the budgeted amount in order to purchase the fifteen passenger van.

The Committee further discussed the needs and the capacities for Social Services’ passenger vans and explored the idea of connecting other transportation service providers to provide this service rather than purchasing vans specifically for this purpose. It was noted that no formal review of this possibility has taken place to date, however dialogue has occurred on the subject.
Barb Fedy noted that the van program has been in effect for over ten years and it has been an integral part of the County’s service provision, allowing for people to travel to job placements, training programs, and network with potential employers. Mrs. Fedy further stated that the County is currently providing opportunity for clients to use some of the other transportation services in the area, and that in the future, can expect higher demand for transportation services if the County is a provider of choice for other client bases.

The Committee requested that this item be included on a Senior Management Team Agenda for consideration to include as an item of discussion at the upcoming Warden’s Forum.

TAPS20-13  Moved by: Councillor Haswell    Seconded by: Warden McKinlay

WHEREAS Grey County Social Services has operated a transportation program for many years to assist with transportation limitations of Ontario Works recipients throughout Grey County;

AND WHEREAS the approved 2013 budget included $20,200 in reserve funding for the replacement of a seven passenger van;

AND WHEREAS the current fifteen passenger van has incurred unexpected mechanical issues forcing replacement to ensure safe transport of Ontario Works recipients;

AND WHEREAS the funds allocated within the approved 2013 budget do not meet the total required for the replacement costs for the recommended replacement of the fifteen passenger van;

AND WHEREAS reserve funding in the amount of $20,000 was transferred into the 2013 Transportation Services Equipment Reserve to accommodate future vehicle purchases;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-09-13 be received;

AND THAT $16,026 be transferred from the Transportation Services Equipment Reserve Fund to meet the total cost of the fifteen passenger van.

Carried

The Committee recessed then reconvened.

TAPS21-13  Moved by: Councillor Pringle    Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

THAT staff be directed to engage in a community based strategy with other transportation and community service providers to make
recommendations regarding coordinated County-wide transportation services in terms of social services transportation needs. Carried

Other Business

Emergency Medical Services Update

Kevin McNab provided an update to the Committee on behalf of Mike Muir. Mr. McNab noted that paramedics are now able to administer primary care pain relief. Further, 39 emergency calls were dispatched from the Dundalk station and overall response times were positive. Additionally, staff are working to correct the slope of the floor in the garage at the Craigleith base.

The Committee discussed events in the County which paramedics attend as a first responder. It was noted that the Owen Sound Attack hire the services of one paramedic to be present on site at their local games.

Transportation Services Update

Michael Kelly updated the Committee on the Transportation Services Review, noting that it has been delayed. Prior and Prior are currently reviewing and rewriting aspects of the report and it is anticipated to be completed by the middle of March. Additionally, Mr. Kelly shared information on the topics of the recent Head of Transportation meeting, including wind turbines, sharing initiatives, changes to the Minimum Maintenance Standards, signage, and road closure processes.

It was further noted that the Transportation Services administrative assistant will begin with the County on March 4, 2013. The County is also working with the local municipality and agricultural community on a coordinated and proactive approach to combat noxious weeds such as wild chervil. Grey County is also becoming a popular destination for bicycle races and events and the department is working on a procedure for these events. Infrastructure funding for County Road 119 has proceeded to the second stage of the process and there has been an extension on the project timeline so staff have inquired to the appropriate Ministry as to whether the project can be altered slightly.

Quarterly Purchasing Report for Quarter Four of 2012

There were no items requiring reporting for the fourth quarter of 2012.
Closed Meeting Matters

The Chair advised that the Committee will go into closed meeting at 11:45 a.m. for consideration of a certain matter.

TAPS22-13 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee do now go into closed session to discuss:

i. Labour relations or employee negotiations regarding pending negotiations with the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1530

ii. Adoption of the closed meeting minutes of February 23, 2012 and June 21, 2012

AND THAT the following staff members remain in attendance: Michael Kelly, Lance Thurston, Kevin Weppler, Grant McLevy and Tara Warder.

TAPS23-13 Moved by: Warden McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee do now return to open session at 12:53 p.m.

Carried

Next Meeting Dates

March 21, 2013 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Eccles, the meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Brian Milne, Chair