

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

September 17, 2015 – 10:00 AM

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

Present: Chair Alan Barfoot; Councillors Bob Pringle, Stewart Halliday, Sue Paterson, Harley Greenfield, Anna-Marie Fosbrooke and John Bell; and Warden Kevin Eccles

Regrets: Councillors Ian Boddy and John McKean

Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Sharon Melville, Buyer; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Barfoot called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Adoption of the Agenda

TAPS117-15 Moved by: Councillor Fosbrooke Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated September 17, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated August 20, 2015

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on September 1, 2015.

Deputations

Joe Killoran and Askash Desai – Road Safety Issues in Kimberley

Joe Killoran addressed the Committee regarding road safety issues within the community of Kimberley. Mr. Killoran requested that the results of the summer traffic study be released immediately, rather than awaiting the winter results.

Mr. Killoran spoke to the dangers of speeding in Kimberley, and the effects on quality of life for the citizens. Mr. Killoran requested that the County permit the speed limit signs the community had erected be re-installed as a pilot project. Mr. Killoran noted the results from the signage were positive.

Mr. Killoran further requested that the County permit radar signs to be installed and inquired as to the possibility for a Committee to be struck to assist in dealing with the speeding issues.

Askash Desai addressed the Committee on the matter, requesting the County to allow the temporary signs to be reinstalled. Mr. Desai noted that the County has the ability to modify the signs to meet its needs.

Chair Barfoot noted that the requests from the delegation will be examined by staff.

Reports – Finance

FR-TAPS-31-15 LAS / Real Term Energy LED Street Light Proposal

Kevin Weppler presented the above noted report. The program offered through Local Authority Services, Real Term Energy and Cree Canada aims to upgrade street lights to LED lighting. An investment grade audit has been completed.

Mr. Wepler outlined the findings of the audit, including potential savings and timelines to realize such savings.

Staff wish to move the proposal forward in order to begin retrofitting in 2015 and take advantage of the financial incentive.

Staff and Real Term staff addressed questions from the Committee. It was noted that an average of 65% energy savings has been realized with other municipalities who have participated in the program. It was further noted that street lights are not metered, and Real Term will look after changing billing. It is anticipated that the County of Grey will realize approximately 59% savings based on the information in the audit.

Discussion occurred on illumination and whether it will be affected. Real Term staff spoke to a recommended standard, known as RP8. RP 8 is a recommended standard of illumination levels. Grey County will have the illumination upgraded to meet RP8 standards under this initiative. Grey County will not be upgrading the illumination at the Grey County Administration Building or Rockwood Terrace at this time.

Further discussion occurred on the "Save on Energy" program through Ontario Power Generation, the process of upgrading lighting, and effects on insurance premiums, if any.

TAPS118-15 Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Local Authority Services has partnered with RealTerm Energy and Cree Canada to offer a complete streetlight upgrade turn-key service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report FR-TAPS-31-15 regarding the LAS/RealTerm Energy LED Street Light Proposal be received;

AND THAT Council accept the procurement process undertaken by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Local Authority Services for the selection of a light emitting diode (LED) streetlight upgrade turn-key service, noting that RealTerm Energy and Cree Canada are the vendors selected by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Local Authority Services, and service and equipment pricing are being extended to member municipalities;

AND THAT staff be authorized to proceed with the purchase and installation of LED illumination lights through Local Authority Services and RealTerm Energy as detailed in the County of Grey's Investment Grade Audit dated September 16, 2015;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to enter into and execute the CCDC-14 Design-Build Stipulated Price Contract on behalf of the County of Grey to proceed with the LED upgrade;

AND THAT the estimated LED upgrade net project cost of \$156,520 be funded utilizing Federal Gas Tax reserve funds;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed prior to County Council approval per Section 24.13 (b) of Procedural By-law 4876-14, as amended.

Carried

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-58-15 Grey County and Wellington North Boundary Road Maintenance Agreement

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report. Staff are recommending that a boundary road agreement be executed with Wellington North.

TAPS119-15 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

WHEREAS Sections 20, 29, 29.1 and 52 of the Municipal Act allow for agreements between adjoining municipalities for the maintenance and repair of any highway forming a boundary road;

AND WHEREAS Grey Road 109 from Kings Highway 6, easterly for approximately 1.0 kilometer to the point at which the entire road, known as Grey Road 109, is located in Grey County, is a boundary road shared by Grey County and the Township of Wellington North;

AND WHEREAS Grey County has historically completed the maintenance on this section of road known as Grey Road 109;

AND WHEREAS the County of Grey and the Township of Wellington North have agreed that it is mutually beneficial that Grey County continue to assume the annual maintenance of the boundary roads between their municipalities with the costs shared equally between the parties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-58-15 be received;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the Boundary Road Agreement for the aforementioned section of Grey Road 109 between the County of Grey and the Township of Wellington North;

AND THAT the appropriate By-Law be prepared for Council's consideration.

Carried

TR-TAPS-69-15 Outsourcing Winter Plows

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report. Mr. Kelly provided a brief history of the Transportation Services review. Mr. Kelly spoke to the desire for a blended approach using both county staff and contracted services. It was noted that no full time staff positions will be lost due to the changes.

Mr. Kelly then spoke to winter maintenance, noting that staff believe that it is an appropriate time to tender two plow routes based on age of equipment and staffing.

Staff spoke to both operational advantages and concerns regarding possible issues with housing staff and contractors at the same depot. Staff addressed questions regarding scheduling.

TAPS120-15 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS the Transportation Services Review that was completed in May 2013 recommended a blend of Grey County staff and contracts to complete winter maintenance operations;

AND WHEREAS with recent maintenance staff retirements and the age of the snow plow equipment, there is opportunity to tender for up to two contract plows to commence work in the fall of 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-69-15 regarding the tendering of up to two snow plow trucks be received;

AND THAT the Transportation Services Department issues a tender in early 2016 for up to two plow trucks to commence work in the 2016-2017 winter season for a five year duration;

AND THAT a report be presented to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee with the results and staff recommendations regarding the tender after it closes.

Carried

The Committee briefly recessed, then reconvened. Chair Barfoot left the meeting at this time and Vice Chair Bell assumed the Chair.

TR-TAPS-70-15 Quarry Review

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report regarding the County owned quarry on Grey Road 40. The County produced material from the quarry to use on County construction projects, maintenance, to supply surface treatment to contractors, and sell to adjacent municipalities.

Typically material can be purchased from the private sector and hauled for less money.

Staff examined options for proceeding with the quarry.

Staff indicated that the results of testing the material show the material is high quality and can be used for concrete and hot mix production.

Staff are recommending that the quarry be sold.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding the sale of land procedure, whether a market exists for such a sale, and the estimated cost if no action is taken at this time. Staff estimate it costs approximately \$10,000 per year to own and not operate.

Committee inquired as to why the County is unable to profit from the quarry, what advantages exist to selling it at this time, and whether a licence can be sold to the private sector in order to retail the material.

There was a suggestion from staff to have an outside source peer review or comment on the matter.

TAPS121-15 Moved by: Warden Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

WHEREAS Grey County owns a quarry located at 825725 Grey Road 40;

AND WHEREAS an internal review has been completed on the quarry operation that recommends the selling of the property for operational and financial reasons;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-70-15 regarding the Quarry Review dated September 2015 be received for information;

AND THAT a further report be presented to Committee with additional information surrounding the licence and quarry, by the end of 2015.

Carried

TR-TAPS-71-15 Modifications to the Advertising Sign Permit Procedure

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report. Staff are recommending that an additional section in the procedure be included in order to address the placement of municipal and community decorative signs to provide consistency and maximize driver safety.

The Committee discussed the proposed procedure amendment and staff addressed questions and comments regarding why electronic signs are not permitted, the need for a speed zone restriction of 60 km per hour, and whether grandfathering in is possible for signs that are being refurbished. Staff indicated that the electronic signs are distracting to drivers if placed close to the roadway. Further, it is desirable to have signs comply with the policy when being refurbished for safety and liability reasons.

The Committee spoke to the desire to have flexibility.

TAPS122-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

WHEREAS local municipalities wish to place decorative municipal and community signs adjacent to Grey Roads;

AND WHEREAS the installation of these signs must be consistent and placed in a manner to reduce the safety impact on motorists using the road;

AND WHEREAS the Advertising Sign Permit Corporate Procedure, MS-TS-005-001 can be amended to incorporate a section on Decorative Municipal/Community Display Signs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-71-15 regarding modifying the Advertising Sign Permit Procedure to included Decorative Municipal/Community Display Signs be deferred until such time as the lower tier municipalities have an opportunity to comment on the proposed procedure amendments relating to Decorative Municipal / Community Display signs.

Carried

TR-TAPS-73-15 Setback Exemption Request Grey Road 1

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report. Staff are recommending that the setback exemption request on Grey Road 1 be approved.

It is unlikely that Grey Road 1 will require widening in this location.

TAPS123-15 Moved by: Warden Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS the Grey County Transportation Services Department's 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 centerline of any County road unless approved by the Director of Transportation Services and the Transportation and Public Safety Committee;

AND WHEREAS a property owner requires permission from Grey County to place a structure (house) 51 feet (15.5 metres) from the centreline of Grey Road 1 at the property municipally described as 505295 Grey Road 1 in the Township of Georgian Bluffs;

AND WHEREAS accommodating the requested setback exemption will not have any adverse impact on Grey Road 1;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-73-15 be received;

AND THAT the request for a building setback of 51 feet (15.5 metres) from the centerline of Grey Road 1 for the construction of a residential house at 505295 Grey Road 1 be approved.

Carried

Correspondence

Receive for Information – Municipality of West Grey Support for Southgate's Resolution Regarding Grey County Comprehensive Road Sign Policy; Grey Highlands Signage Resolution; Signage on County Roads Email to Local CAOs

TAPS124-15 Moved by: Warden Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- **Municipality of West Grey Support for Southgate`s Resolution Regarding Grey County Comprehensive Road Sign Policy**
- **Grey Highlands Signage Resolution**
- **Signage on County Roads Email to Local CAOs**

Carried

Other Business

Committee discussed entrance permit applications, as well as the desire to be informed about connecting links developments.

Mike Muir noted that no updates have been received to indicate whether additional funding will be available for the Community Paramedicine Program.

Next Meeting Dates

October 8, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building

October 22, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Alan Barfoot, Chair