
Transportation and Public Safety Committee

June 23, 2016 – 1:03 PM

The Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building 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; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager; Sarah Morrison, Intermediate Planner and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

Adoption of the Agenda

TAPS70-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated June 23, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated May 19, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on June 7, 2016.

Deputations

Debbie Crosskill – Speeding on Matilda and Marsh Streets, Clarksburg

Debbie Crosskill attended the meeting to speak about speeding issues in Clarksburg on Matilda and Marsh Streets (Grey Road 13). Ms. Crosskill noted that traffic often travels in excess of the 50km per hour speed limit. Further, she is requesting that the community safety signage be moved to the outer limits of the village and that reminder signs be placed in the business section. Currently, the safety zone ends despite the extension of the residential area beyond the signs.

Ms. Crosskill noted that Kimberley has a solar powered radar sign and it would be beneficial to have them in Clarksburg as well.

She further noted that the police have been present in Clarksburg recently and are ticketing speeders on these streets.

Ms. Crosskill inquired as to why Grey Road 13 through Clarksburg is a truck route. She suggested an alternative route could be from Grey Road 13 to 40 and to Grey Road 2.

Committee noted that the radar signage in Kimberley appears to be effective.

Pay Hoy noted that staff have been looking at the situation in Clarksburg and have placed the traffic counters out to collect data. The placement of the community safety zone signage will be reviewed. Transportation staff will collect more data in upcoming weeks with regard to speeding.

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-37-16 Request for ATVs on County Roads and Extending the

Access to the CP Rail Trail

Pat Hoy addressed the Committee and outlined the origin of the request for ATVs on County Roads. It was noted that updates were made to the Highway Traffic Act. The updates included the addition of Side-by-side Off Road Vehicles as a classification of vehicle as well as the ability to travel on roadways, provided the municipality passes a by-law permitting the use.

Mr. Hoy noted that the ATV clubs have been great to work with on the matter. He spoke to the difficulty from a Transportation perspective on how to assess on which roads ATV travel should be permitted.

Mr. Hoy noted that the Transportation Department is attempting to avoid permitting ATVs on high volume roads and two lane roads with curbs.

Potential issues with how to sign the roadways were discussed.

Committee suggested that ATVs and Side-by-sides be permitted on all County roads unless otherwise posted, especially for the trial period. This would save confusion and signage costs and would be simpler for the agricultural community.

Staff noted concerns surrounding permission being granted for all roadways, as County roads typically have higher volume of traffic and ATVs can be unstable in some conditions. There are liability considerations as well, however it is important to find the balance.

Inquiry was made as to whether permission would be for ATV Club members only, as the Clubs have insurance. Staff noted that the Highway Traffic Act speaks to the rules. Drivers must have insurance, plates and a helmet, etc. It is not restricted to Club members only.

It was noted that ATV drivers want to be on the trails as opposed to the roads.

The Ontario Federation of ATV Clubs is developing a map to show what the by-laws are and where people can ride.

Councillor McKean noted that ATVs are not permitted on any roads in the Blue Mountains and Councillor Paterson noted that they are not permitted in the boundaries of Hanover either. Further, there are some restrictions in the City of Owen Sound.

Staff noted that a Schedule can be drafted which lists the roads where ATVs are prohibited. This can be brought forward to Committee at a later date.

Committee requested staff to send out the draft schedule to the lower tier municipalities for review.

TAPS71-16 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS a request has been received from the South Bruce Peninsula ATV Club, the West Grey ATV Club, and the Dufferin Grey ATV Club for permission to ride on a number of County Roads, including within the City of Owen Sound;

AND WHEREAS currently ATV's are not permitted on these County Roads;

AND WHEREAS staff have reviewed and modified some of these requests following further discussions with the ATV Clubs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report TR-TAPS-37-16 regarding the request from the South Bruce Peninsula ATV Club, West Grey ATV Club and the Dufferin Grey ATV Club to approve the use of ATV's on County Roads be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to bring forward a by-law and updated memorandum of understanding to permit ATV's and Side-by-Side Off Road Vehicles on all County roads except those listed in Schedule A, to come forward to Committee at a later date;

AND THAT the by-law shall include restrictions on time of day and time of year the use would be permitted (i.e. dawn to dusk between May 1st and November 10th), any signage required, as well identifying any repairs and maintenance required by the Clubs as a result of the permitted uses;

AND THAT this by-law be reviewed following a one year trial period to determine if any revisions to the by-law and memorandum of understanding are required.

Carried

Councillor Boddy then left the meeting.

TR-TAPS-38-16 Setback Exemption Request Grey Road 10

Pat Hoy presented the above report regarding an exemption request in the Town of Hanover.

TAPS72-16 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

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 Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd., the owner of the property located at 252 14th Street and 7th Avenue (Grey Road 10) is seeking permission from Grey County to construct a 16 feet by 32 feet addition along the west side of their existing structure at the Parrish & Heimbecker Ltd. property 67 feet (20.4 metres) from the centreline of Grey Road 10 at the property municipally described as 252 14th Street and 7th Avenue in the Town of Hanover;

AND WHEREAS accommodating the requested setback exemption will not have any adverse impact on Grey Road 10;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-38-16 be received;

AND THAT the request for a building setback of 67 feet (20.4 metres) from the centreline of Grey Road 10 for the construction of an addition at 252 14th Street and 7th Avenue (Grey Road 10) in the Town of Hanover, be approved.

Carried

TR-TAPS-39-16 School Litter Pickup Program Summary 2016

Pay Hoy presented the above report. Only one school participated in the program this year. The fundraising capabilities of the program were noted.

TAPS73-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Jack

THAT Report TR-TAPS-39-16 regarding a summary of the School Litter Pick-Up Program be received for information.

Carried

TR-TAPS-40-16 Setback Exemption Request Grey Road 40

Pay Hoy presented the above report.

Mr. Hoy noted that the intersection of Grey Road 40 (McNab Street) and Highway 10

will be in failure condition by 2020. The Ministry of Transportation has requested a letter of credit towards the design and construction of a new northbound left turning lane on Highway 10.

Staff have no issues with the setback exemption request, however the intersection should be addressed before an entrance permit is issued.

CC86-16 *THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated June 23, 2016 and the recommendations contained therein be adopted as amended by changing the building setback to 18 metres from 19 metres in Resolution TAPS74-16 as requested by the proponent.*

TAPS74-16 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

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 the Grey County Entrance Permit Corporate Procedure also states that commercial entrances must be a minimum of 100 metres from an intersection;

AND WHEREAS the Cantam Group Ltd., is seeking permission from Grey County to construct a gas station and coffee shop 62 feet (19 metres) from the centreline of Grey Road 40 and 45m from the intersection of Grey Road 40 and King's Highway 10 at the property municipally described as 96 McNab Street (Grey Road 40) in the Town of Chatsworth;

AND WHEREAS accommodating the requested setback exemption will not have any adverse impact on Grey Road 40;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-40-16 be received;

AND THAT the request for a building setback of ~~62 feet (19 metres)~~ 18 metres from the centreline of Grey Road 40 and 45 metres from the intersection of Grey Road 40 and King's Highway 10 for the construction of a gas station and coffee shop at 96 McNab Street in the Township of Chatsworth, be approved.

Carried

Other Business

Councillor Halliday spoke to the previous issues in Kimberley and requested that another study be conducted on speeding to see if the signs are working.

Mike Muir spoke to Committee regarding a proposal from the Provincial Government to give municipalities the option of permitting full-time fire fighters who are also employed as paramedics, to provide patient care as paramedics in tiered response. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is aware of the proposal and it is still in the development stage at this point. There are however, some concerns in the industry. Staff will keep the Committee updated on this matter.

Correspondence

Thank you Letter from Stan Baker

The Committee considered the thank you letter from Mr. Baker.

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, July 5, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

Thursday, July 21, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

Thursday, August 18, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Paterson, the meeting adjourned at 2:31 PM.

John Bell, Chair