
Transportation and Public Safety Committee

January 8, 2015 – 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, Stewart Halliday, Sue Paterson, Harley Greenfield, Ian Boddy, Anna-Marie Fosbrooke, John McKean and John Bell; and Warden Kevin Eccles

Staff

Present: Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Kevin McNab, Operations Manager; Ron Parkin, Maintenance Manager; Pay Hoy, Engineering Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Barfoot called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Adoption of the Agenda

TAPS13-15 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated January 8, 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 December 18, 2014

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on January 6, 2015.

Reports – Finance

FR-TAPS-02-15 Transportation Services Year End Financial Projection and Treatment of Year End Surplus Deficit

Doug Johnstone addressed the Committee on the above report, recommending that the projected surplus be transferred to the Transportation Services General Reserve, and that the funds for certain projects within the 2014 budget which won't be completed until 2015, be transferred to reserve.

TAPS14-15 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT Report FR-TAPS-02-15 regarding the treatment of surplus and/or deficit positions at year end for the Transportation Services Department be received;

AND THAT up to \$733,090 for the following projects included in the 2014 budget, but not scheduled for completion until 2015 be transferred to reserve for use in 2015:

- **Grey Road 15 Reconstruction - \$525,090**
- **Grey Road 119 Reconstruction Design - up to \$50,000**
- **Durham Property Environmental Assessment - up to \$50,000**
- **Chatsworth Salt Shed Replacement - \$30,000**
- **Subsurface Geotechnical Investigation - \$50,000**
- **Toughbook Laptops - \$12,000**
- **Quarry Evaluation and Business Plan - \$16,000**

AND FURTHER THAT the remaining surplus/deficit funds from the Transportation Services Department at year end be transferred to/from the Transportation Services General Reserve.

Carried

*FR-TAPS-09-15 Paramedic Services Financial Report and Treatment of
Year End Surplus Deficit*

Mary Lou Spicer addressed the Committee on the above report, recommending that the projected deficit of \$165,000 be funded from the one time funding reserve. Ms. Spicer noted the origins of the projected deficit.

TAPS15-15 Moved by: Warden Eccles

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT Report FR-TAPS-09-15 regarding a Financial Report and the treatment of Year-End Surplus/(Deficit) Positions for the Paramedic Services Department be received:

AND THAT the deficit position from the 2014 Paramedic Services budget be funded from the One Time Funding Reserve.

Carried

2015 Transportation and Public Safety Budget Summary

Mary Lou Spicer provided the Committee with a summary of the draft budget for the Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

Reports – Paramedic Services

PSR-TAPS-01-15 Draft 2015 Paramedic Services Budget

Mike Muir presented the draft Paramedic Services budget.

Discussion occurred on new winter jackets for the paramedics and how the existing jackets can be used after the new ones are purchased. The possibility for distributing them within the community was discussed.

The Committee discussed the Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) program and the life expectancy of PADs. A suggestion was made to explore the possibility of having PADs be accessible outside so they can be accessed 24/7 if needed.

Kevin McNab provided an outline of the Community Paramedicine Program, which aims to prevent hospitalization through regular patient visits and administering health care in the home. The program is a trial and some patients of the Owen Sound Family Health Team are participating in the trial. The Committee cited the importance of the program

and its' positive benefits, and noted concern with the Province downloading the program to municipalities in the future. Staff indicated that a portion of the funding is being used to offset the wages for paramedics who are covering for the two paramedics participating in the program.

Discussion occurred on historic, current and future fuel costs and whether there is merit in decreasing the budget for fuel based on current costs.

TAPS16-15 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT Report PSR-TAPS-01-15 regarding the draft 2015 Paramedic Services Budget be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to review the draft budget and look for savings of \$50,000;

AND THAT a subsequent report with this information be presented to the Committee.

Carried

The Committee briefly recessed then reconvened.

Reports - Transportation

TR-TAPS-06-15 Draft 2015 Transportation Services Department Budget

Overview

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the 2015 draft Transportation Services budget. The Committee and staff discussed the draft budget. Following discussions by staff and the Committee, staff indicated that the fuel and vehicle repair budgets will be adjusted to better reflect projected needs.

The Committee suggested that the Grey Road 31 pulverize and pave project from .5 kilometres north of Simcoe Road 91 to Grey Road 2 be deferred until the 2016 budget.

CC35-15 Addition: Motion TAPS17-15 regarding paved shoulders was deferred to allow for the development of a paved shoulder procedure. With input from local municipalities, Tourism and Transportation Services staff will continue to develop a procedure for paved shoulders.

TAPS17-15 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT the pulverize and pave project on Grey County Road 31 from .5

kilometres north of Simcoe Road 91 to Grey Road 2 be deferred until the 2016 budget;

AND THAT funding be allocated to other projects on the Five Year Capital and Extraordinary Expenditures list.

Carried

TAPS18-15 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

THAT Report TR-TAPS-06-15 regarding the Draft 2015 Transportation Services budget be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare an amended draft budget for presentation to the Committee per Resolution TAPS17-15 and based on staff and the Committee's discussions regarding fuel costs and vehicle repairs.

Carried

Correspondence

*Receive for Information – Ontario Good Roads Association –
Constitutional Amendment*

TAPS19-15 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- **Ontario Good Roads Association – Constitutional Amendment**

Carried

Other Business

There was none.

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, January 22, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building

Thursday, February 5, 2015 (if required) at the Grey County Administration Building

Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 12:43 PM.

Alan Barfoot, Chair