
Transportation and Public Safety Committee

September 18, 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, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell, Duncan McKinlay and John Bell; and Warden Brian Milne

Regrets: Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald

Staff

Present: Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services, Sharon Vokes, County Clerk / Director of Council Services; Bryan Plumstead, Tourism Manager 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.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated August 7, 2014

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council

on September 2, 2014.

Reports – Clerk's

CCR-TAPS-32-14 Information and Tourism Signage Plan

Recommendation Based on Report CCR-PCD-30-14

Bryan Plumstead addressed the Committee on the above report. Staff are recommending that a consultant be retained to undertake the creation of an information and tourism signage plan.

Staff addressed questions and comments from the Committee regarding sign styling and the next steps of the project.

TAPS104-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS having consistent signage on a road is essential to the overall safety of the road;

AND WHEREAS at the May 22, 2014 meeting of the Transportation Services Committee, staff was directed to develop a comprehensive road signage policy encompassing the criteria contained within Report CCR-TAPS-11-14 as well as such items as information and tourist signage;

AND WHEREAS Regional Tourism Organization 7 (RTO7) has developed a way- finding and tourism signage manual for the Counties of Grey, Bruce and Simcoe;

AND WHEREAS staff has researched the many types of information and tourism signage which includes directional and assurance signage;

AND WHEREAS Report CCR-PCD-30-14 Information and Tourism Signage Plan was presented for consideration at the September 16, 2014 Planning and Community Development Committee meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report CCR-TAPS-32-14 be received;

AND THAT the recommendation to contract the services of a consultant to create a Grey County Information and Tourism Signage Plan be endorsed;

AND FURTHER THAT Grey County allocate \$49,500 from One Time Reserve towards the Grey County Signage Plan;

AND FINALLY THAT Grey County apply to RTO7 for funding assistance towards the Grey County Signage Plan of \$16,500.

Carried

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-64-14 Setback Exemption Request – Grey Road 19

Michael Kelly presented the above report regarding a setback exemption request. Staff have no concern with the exemption request for 108 Pioneer Lane.

TAPS105-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor White

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 centerline of any County road unless approved by the Director of Transportation Services and the Transportation and Public Safety Committee;

AND WHEREAS the contractor (Landmark Group) is seeking permission from Grey County to place a structure 56 feet from the centreline of Grey Road 19 at the property municipally described as 108 Pioneer Lane in the Town of The Blue Mountains;

AND WHEREAS accommodating the requested setback exemption will not have any adverse impact on Grey Road 19;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-64-14 be received;

AND THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee approve the request for a building setback of 56 feet from the centerline of Grey Road 19 for the installation of a structure in the back yard of 108 Pioneer Lane in the Town of the Blue Mountains.

Carried

TR-TAPS-65-14 Municipal / Community Sign Tabs

Michael Kelly addressed the above report. Staff are recommending that municipalities be permitted to install community sign tabs on the bottom of municipal and community signs on County roads in accordance with the criteria noted in the report.

TAPS106-14 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Warden Milne

WHEREAS municipalities have accomplishments and events they wish to advertise to motorists at their boundaries;

AND WHEREAS these accomplishments are advertised in a variety of methods:

AND WHEREAS it would be advantageous that the acknowledgements are completed in a consistent manner on the municipal and community signs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-65-14 regarding municipal/community sign tabs be received;

AND THAT the Transportation Services Department be authorized to permit the municipalities to install municipal/community sign tabs provided they meet the conditions identified in Report TR-TAPS-65-14 until a policy for signage on County roads can be developed.

Carried

TR-TAPS-66-14 Winter Maintenance Backup Staff

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report. Staff are recommending that winter maintenance backup staff be guaranteed a minimum of eight hours per week to ensure fair treatment. Currently, backup staff are on call 24 hours a day and seven days a week and receive payment only for the hours they work.

TAPS107-14 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS the Transportation Services Department relies on backup staff to supplement its winter maintenance operation;

AND WHEREAS currently backup staff is only compensated for the hours they are called into work;

AND WHEREAS to ensure that the backup staff continue working for Grey County as required during the winter, the Transportation Services Department is recommending providing a minimum of eight working hours a week for the eligible backup staff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-66-14 regarding the winter backup staff be received;

AND THAT the Transportation Services backup staff within CUPE Local 1530 be guaranteed a minimum of eight hours per week during the winter season provided the staff is available for call-outs twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Carried

TR-TAPS-67-14 West Grey Winter Maintenance Agreement

Michael Kelly addressed the above report, requesting authorization for the Warden and Clerk to execute a new winter maintenance agreement with the Municipality of West Grey. The proposed agreement requires that Grey County will complete winter maintenance on Stone Hill Road and West Grey will complete maintenance on Grey Road 27.

TAPS108-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Warden Milne

WHEREAS the County of Grey (Grey County) and the Municipality of West Grey (West Grey) entered into a two year agreement in 2013 for Grey County to complete winter maintenance of Stone Hill Road;

AND WHEREAS Grey County and West Grey concur that it would be advantageous if West Grey provided winter maintenance of Grey Road 27;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-67-14 be received;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute a new three year winter maintenance agreement between Grey County and West Grey, and to authorize West Grey to complete the winter maintenance of Grey Road 27 and Grey County to complete the maintenance of Stone Hill Road.

Carried

TR-TAPS-68-14 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulating Traffic and Parking within the County of Grey Roads System

Michael Kelly presented the above report regarding proposed amendments to Schedule

O of the traffic and parking by-law due to revisions to the school schedule at Beaver Valley Community School.

TAPS109-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

WHEREAS Grey County Council passed By-Law 4788-13 to regulate traffic and parking on roads under the jurisdiction of the County of Grey;

AND WHEREAS modifications to By-Law 4788-13 are recommended to accommodate the revised school schedule at Beaver Valley Community School;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-68-14 be received;

AND THAT the By-Law 4788-13 be amended as follows:

- **Schedule “O” Rates of Speed in School Zones for Restrictive Times, 40 kilometers per Hour, for the Beaver Valley Community School, Effective Time, During school days:**

7:45 to 9:00 a.m.

10:55 to 11:35 a.m.

1:15 to 1:55 p.m.

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Carried

TR-TAPS-70-14 Grey Road 19 Slope Stability Contract Update

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report. Mr. Kelly noted that the original design to stabilize the slope on Grey Road 19 by Sleepy Hollow Road included an incorrect property line and the work would infringe on private property. The new design will reduce the paved shoulder to 1.2 metres and all work will be completed on County owned property.

TAPS110-14 Moved by: Warden Milne Seconded by: Councillor White

WHEREAS the design for the Grey Road 19 slope stabilization contract identified an incorrect property line that would have resulted in work being completed on private property;

AND WHEREAS the design is being modified to ensure the work is completed fully on Grey County property;

AND WHEREAS the contract permits the County to negotiate changes to the work with the Contractor;

AND WHEREAS for safety reasons the Transportation Services Department is recommending the completion of this work during the fall of 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-70-14 regarding the Grey Road 19 slope stability contract be received for information purposes.

Carried

TR-TAPS-69-14 Road Assessment Grey Road 3 and 25 Kinghurst Pit

Michael Kelly presented the above report and explained the interim practice in place for determining whether road assessment studies are required until a policy is developed.

The Committee discussed whether the need exists for a study for the Kinghurst Pit and noted the positives and negatives of requiring a study, whether a peer review of the proponent's studies will be requested, and whether a traffic impact study is needed.

TAPS111-14 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

WHEREAS a new aggregate pit (Kinghurst Pit) is being proposed to be located at Part Lots 22 and 23, Concession 5 in the Township of Chatsworth (former geographic Township of Sullivan). The proponents are planning to use Grey Road 3 from Sideroad 7 to Grey Road 25 and Grey Road 25 from Grey Road 3 to Grey Road 10 as haul routes;

AND WHEREAS in the opinion of the Director of Transportation Services there is a reasonable probability that the additional truck traffic associated with the proposed aggregate pit will have a detrimental effect on Grey Road 3 from Sideroad 7 to Grey Road 25 and Grey Road 25 from Grey Road 3 to Grey Road 10 and consequently a Road Assessment Study is recommended for these sections of Grey Road 3 and Grey Road 25;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Resolution TAPS81-14 the Director is to present a Report to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee if a Road Assessment Study is recommended;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-69-14 regarding the completion of a Road Assessment Study for Grey Road 3 and Grey Road 25 be received;

AND THAT the proponent of the proposed Kinghurst Pit is hereby required to complete a Road Assessment Study for Grey Road 3 from Side Road 7 to Grey Road 25 and Grey Road 25 from Grey Road 3 to Grey Road 10 as a condition to the proposed aggregate pit located at Part Lots 22 and 23, Concession 5 in the Township of Chatsworth (former geographic Township of Sullivan)

AND FURTHER THAT proponents of the Kinghurst Pit be financially responsible for the cost of completing the Road Assessment Study and for the cost of any upgrades which may be required due to the hauling of material if the aggregate pit is approved.

Carried

Correspondence

Receive for information

TAPS112-14 Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- **County of Simcoe – Grey County Correspondence Received Regarding Simcoe Road 91 Alternative Route**
- **Letter from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care dated August 27, 2014 regarding one-time funding for paramedicine initiatives.**

Carried

Other Business

Clarification of Recommendation and Direction of Report TR-TAPS-39-14

The interim process for requiring road assessment studies was reviewed.

Paramedic Services Update

Mike Muir advised that the County received notification from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care that the County of Grey has been successful in its application for funding for community paramedicine initiatives.

Transportation Services Update

Michael Kelly advised the Department has hired Graham Wilson as the new Area Foreman in Flesherton. Staff have also submitted expressions of interest for two projects for consideration under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund and the Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund. The two projects include structure replacement for Grey Road 3 and reconstruction and urbanization of Grey Road 15.

The Committee inquired about the status of the repaving of Bruce Street in Durham as well as NextEra Energy's approved haul route. Mr. Kelly advised that NextEra's haul route is primarily along Grey Road 4 until it reaches municipal roadways.

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.

Alan Barfoot, Chair