
Transportation and Public Safety Committee

July 21, 2016 – 10:00 AM

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 and John McKean and Warden Alan Barfoot

Regrets: Councillor Norm Jack

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Transportation Services; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager; Rob Hatten, Communications Officer and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Adoption of the Agenda

TAPS78-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated July 21, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated July 5, 2016;
Transportation and Public Safety Committee closed meeting minutes
dated July 5, 2016

The minutes were reviewed.

TAPS79-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting dated July 5, 2016 be approved as presented;

AND THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee closed meeting minutes dated July 5, 2016 be approved as provided to the Committee.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Minutes of Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting dated
June 23, 2016

These minutes are for information only, as they were adopted by County Council on July 5, 2016.

Reports – Financial

FR-TAPS-23-16 Paramedic Services Financial Update and Year-End
Projection as of May 31, 2016

Mike Muir addressed the Committee on the above noted report. A \$57,000 shortfall is projected at year end in the Paramedic Services Department and outlined the sources of the projected shortfall.

TAPS80-16 Moved by: Warden Barfoot

Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

THAT Report FR-TAPS-23-16 regarding a Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2016 for the Paramedic Services Department be received for information.

Carried

FR-TAPS-25-16 Transportation Services Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2016

Doug Johnstone presented the above noted report. A surplus of \$263,000 is projected for the end of the year. Mr. Johnstone spoke to the difficulty in predicting the budget status for the end of the year, since winter maintenance and construction can have a large impact on the budget.

Mr. Johnstone outlined the status of the various Transportation budgets and each of their year-end projections.

Kim Wingrove noted that the parking lot work that needs to be completed at Rockwood Terrace is able to be done by Transportation Services staff.

TAPS81-16 Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT Report FR-TAPS-25-16 regarding the Transportation Services Department Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2016 be received.

Carried

Reports – Paramedic Services

PSR-TAPS-08-16 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 2 of 2016

Kim Wingrove presented the above noted report as required by the purchasing policy.

TAPS82-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT Report PSR-TAPS-08-16 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 2 of 2016 be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Transportation Services

TR-TAPS-42-16 ATV Access on Grey County Roads – Schedule A

Pat Hoy presented the above noted report as a follow up to last month's report on permitting ATVs on County roads.

Schedule A has been developed by staff in conjunction with the lower tiers, which lists the roads where ATVs will not be permitted.

Councillor McKean noted that Grey Roads 40, 113 and 13 within the Blue Mountains limits should be noted on the Schedule, as they are not permitted in the Blue Mountains.

Councillor Greenfield noted that the Municipality of Meaford is considering access to Grey Roads 7 and 12 within the urban boundaries. This is going to public meeting on August 8, 2016 before being adopted by Council.

Councillor Halliday stated that the Municipality of Grey Highlands passed a resolution which lists the County roads that Grey Highlands wishes ATVs to be permitted on, including Grey Road 12 (Sideroad 22A – West Back Line), 7 (Grey Road 13 to Sideroad 10B), 13 (8th Concession to 12th Concession B), 31 (8th Concession B to Collingwood Road) and 4 (Baseline to West Back Line).

Chair Bell indicated that West Grey has concerns about permitting ATVs on Grey Road 4.

Committee discussed the best approach in order to address the lower tier municipal requests.

TAPS83-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor McKean

THAT Report TR-TAPS-42-16 be deferred until the August 18th Committee meeting in order for staff to further review the County roads where ATVs are to be permitted, based on requests from the lower tier municipalities.

Carried

TR-TAPS-43-16 Southgate Solar LP Agreement – Grey Road 9

Kim Wingrove presented the above report. Southgate Solar is installing a solar farm along Grey Road 9. In order for grounding lines to be put in the right-of-way, an agreement needs to be executed.

TAPS84-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

WHEREAS Southgate Solar LP has requested to install facilities for a solar power development along Grey Road 9.

AND WHEREAS an agreement between the parties will ensure that the County's interests are protected while allowing the infrastructure to occupy the road allowance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-43-16 be received;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement for electrical power transmitter or distributor to locate structures, equipment or facilities on Grey County Highways with Southgate Solar LP.

Carried

TR-TAPS-44-16 Warrilow Easement Agreement

Kim Wingrove presented the above report and provided a history of the matter to date. An agreement existed related to the closed drain that was installed, however it was never executed.

The property owner wishes to build on the property and the drain needs to be moved. The County's solicitor looked into whether a prescriptive easement over the property, however by providing an agreement in the past, the County acknowledged that it needed permission to locate the drain on the property.

Staff are recommending that an easement agreement be executed.

TAPS85-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

WHEREAS the County of Grey has a culvert that crosses private property and no easement is in place to secure the County's right to the crossing;

AND WHEREAS a request has been received from a property owner asking the County to relocate the culvert to facilitate development of their property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to complete an easement agreement with Susan Warrilow for property located at Part of Lot 27 Registered Plan 271 – Geographic Township of Sydenham-Municipality of Meaford to allow the relocation of a culvert;

AND THAT a By-Law be prepared for County Council's consideration to register this easement;

AND THAT all costs associated with registering the easement be borne by the County of Grey.

Carried

Correspondence

Allen Wilford – Electric Charges for Electric Cars

Committee discussed the grants available for electric cars. It was noted that the Town of Hanover has two chargers.

The possibility of having a charger at Grey Roots in the future was cited. Further discussion occurred on the increasing prominence of electric vehicles and the tourism benefits of having charging stations available.

TAPS86-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT the correspondence from Allen Wilford regarding chargers for electric cars be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to bring back information on electric vehicles and potential grants for charging stations when it becomes available.

Carried

Receive for Information

The Ministry of Transportation is reviewing the intersection at Springmount to see if northbound right turn lane can be improved.

TAPS87-16 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- **Highway 6/21 and Grey Road 18 Intersection Review (Springmount) – South to East Turns**
- **Alvanley Intersection Update**

Carried

The Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

Warden Barfoot congratulated Graham Wilson for attaining certification as a Certified Roads Supervisor through the Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors.

Mr. Wilson thanked the County for its support.

Other Business

Councillor Halliday noted that the Beaver Valley Ratepayers Association may be requesting a delegation regarding decreasing the speed limit on a specific portion of Grey Road 13. Further, a request to install signage requesting drivers to refrain from using engine brakes may come forward as well.

Committee noted that the County could try approaching the engine brake matter from a safety perspective to try and address the concerns of ratepayers. There are significant safety benefits when using engine brakes.

Kim Wingrove noted that a letter was received from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs saying that additional money can be expected from the Ontario Communities Infrastructure Fund. A report will be brought forward to a future meeting outlining projects the County can apply for.

TAPS88-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda be amended, to add an additional closed meeting item related to litigation, or potential litigation pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

TAPS89-16 Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor

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

- i. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 regarding recruitment of the Director of Transportation.**
- ii. Litigation or potential litigation pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001.**

Carried

The Committee proceeded into closed session at 11:30 AM.

TAPS90-16 Moved by: Warden Barfoot

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee do now return
to open session at 11:50 AM.**

Next Meeting Dates

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

Thursday, September 22, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor McKean, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

John Bell, Chair