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## Transportation and Public Safety Committee

December 17, 2015 – 10:00 AM

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

Present: Councillors Bob Pringle, Stewart Halliday, Sue Paterson, Harley Greenfield, Ian Boddy, John McKean, John Bell; and Warden Alan Barfoot

Regrets: Councillor Norm Jack

### Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk/Director of Council Services; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

## Call to Order

Sharon Vokes called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

## Election of the Chair and Vice Chair

Mrs. Vokes called for nominations for Chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee for 2016.

*TAPS01-16* Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**THAT Councillor Bell be nominated Chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee for 2016.**

On motion by Warden Barfoot, nominations closed.

Councillor Bell accepted the nomination for Chair.

Councillor Bell was acclaimed Chair of the Committee for 2016.

Mrs. Vokes then called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee for 2016.

*TAPS02-16* Moved by: Councillor Bell                      Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

**THAT Councillor Pringle be nominated Vice Chair of the  
Transportation and Public Safety Committee for 2016.**

*TAPS03-16* Moved by: Councillor Boddy                      Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

**THAT Councillor McKean be nominated Vice Chair of the Committee  
for 2016.**

On motion by Warden Barfoot nominations closed.

Councillors Pringle and McKean accepted the nomination.

Councillor Pringle was elected Vice Chair of the Committee for 2016.

Councillor Bell then assumed the Chair.

*TAPS04-16* Moved by: Councillor Greenfield                      Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

**THAT the ballots used for the election of Vice Chair be destroyed.**

Carried

## Adoption of the Agenda

*TAPS05-16* Moved by: Councillor McKean                      Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

**THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated  
December 17, 2015 be adopted as amended, by adding in Report  
PSR-TAPS-02-16 Purchase of Two New Ambulances.**

Carried

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

*Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated November 5,*

*2015*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on November 24, 2015.

## Deputations

### *Uwe Harders – Rumble Strips on Grey Road 17*

Uwe Harders and Elaine Davidson addressed the Committee on the issues with rumble strips in front of their residence on Grey Road 17 north of Ben Allen. Ms. Davidson elaborated on the negative effects from the sound of the rumble strips and requested they be removed. Suggestions to improve safety were provided as an alternative to rumble strips.

### *TR-TAPS-03-16 Grey Road 17 Rumble Strips*

Michael Kelly addressed the above noted report. Mr. Kelly provided an overview of the policy surrounding rumble strips, noting that rumble strips are removed when roadways are resurfaced.

It was noted that Grey County staff have milled the strips down at the Ben Allen location to reduce the noise. Mr. Kelly noted that further milling will allow water to collect in the strips, and would still make noise.

The cost to remove the rumble strips would be approximately \$7,000. Mr. Kelly provided information on the potential effects of removing the strips altogether.

*TAPS06-16* Moved by: Councillor Boddy                      Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**THAT the four rumble strips located on the curve on Grey Road 17 north of Ben Allen be removed as soon as possible in 2016;**

**AND THAT appropriate signage be installed at the location.**

Carried

## Reports – Finance

*FR-TAPS-10-16 Paramedic Services Financial Report and Treatment of Year End Surplus Deficit Position*

Mary Lou Spicer presented the above noted report regarding the treatment of the year end surplus/deficit position. Staff are recommending that the deficit be funded from the one time funding reserve.

*TAPS07-16* Moved by: Councillor McKean                      Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**THAT Report FR-TAPS-10-16 regarding a Financial Report and the treatment of Year-End Surplus/(Deficit) Position for the Paramedic Services Department be received:**

**AND THAT the deficit position from the 2015 Paramedic Services operating budget be funded from the One Time Funding Reserve.**

Carried

*FR-TAPS-02-16 Transportation Services Year End Financial Projection and Treatment of Year End Surplus/Deficit*

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above noted report and outlined the recommendations on how to treat the anticipated surplus.

*TAPS08-16* Moved by: Warden Barfoot                      Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**WHEREAS the Transportation Services Department is anticipating a surplus of approximately \$1,500,000;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report FR-TAPS-02-16 regarding the allocation of the 2015 Transportation Services Surplus be received;**

**AND THAT \$48,000 in funding for building improvements for the Dundalk Depot, included in the 2015 budget, be transferred to the Patrol D Depot Reserve, for use in the 2016 approved budget;**

**AND THAT any remaining projected 2015 year-end surplus funds be transferred to the Transportation Services General Reserve to fund those projects identified and approved in the 2016 budget;**

**AND THAT any 2015 surplus funds not utilized to fund 2016 approved projects and transferred to the Transportation Services General Reserve, be subject to a staff report to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee identifying and recommending the future use(s) of these unallocated reserve funds.**

Carried

## Reports – Transportation (continued)

### *TR-TAPS-04-16 Termination of Municipality of Grey Highlands Sand-Salt Storage Structure Agreement*

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report. Staff are recommending that the property and structure be declared surplus and that staff prepare a purchase and sale agreement for the structure and property to sell the property to the Municipality.

Discussion occurred on recent dome transfers with the Municipality of Meaford and the Township of Chatsworth, as well as how this proposed transfer differs from the Meaford and Chatsworth transfers. It was noted that the land would be sold to the Municipality of Grey Highlands in this case.

Inquiry was made as to whether the transfer would be premature based on the possibility of changing plow routes resulting from the Town of the Blue Mountains trial to maintain Grey County roads within the Town of the Blue Mountains for the winter season.

TAPS09-16 Moved by: Warden Barfoot

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**WHEREAS the Municipality of Grey Highlands and the County of Grey have an agreement regarding the cost sharing of the sand/salt storage structure located at 494140 Grey Road 2, Pt. Lot 15, Concession VIII; RP 17R2721 Pt1, former Township of Osprey, the Municipality of Grey Highlands;**

**AND WHEREAS the County owns the land and no longer requires the sand/salt storage structure;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-04-16 regarding the termination of the agreement with the Municipality of Grey Highlands and the selling of the structure and associated property be deferred until such time as staff can bring forth a report outlining the details of the proposed transfer, including land and structure details.**

Carried

The Committee briefly recessed, then reconvened.

### *TR-TAPS-06-16 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulate Traffic and*

*Parking within the County of Grey Roads System*

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report, recommending amendments to the parking by-law. Mr. Kelly then outlined the proposed changes and the rationale for the amendments.

TAPS10-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy                      Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reports TR-TAPS-06-16 regarding modifying Schedules “N”, “C” and “U” be received;**

**AND THAT the Schedules be amended as recommended.**

Carried

*TR-TAPS-08-16 Transfer Sarawak – Keppel Bridge to the Township of Georgian Bluffs*

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above noted report. Staff are recommending that the ownership of the bridge be transferred to the Township of Georgian Bluffs, and that the County remove the railings in 2016. The Township of Georgian Bluffs is in agreement to this proposal.

TAPS11-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday                      Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**WHEREAS the Township of Georgian Bluffs has requested the County of Grey to transfer the Sarawak-Keppel Townline Bridge to the Municipality;**

**AND WHEREAS the County has the authority to transfer the bridge to the Township as per Section 52 of the Municipal Act 2001;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-08-16 regarding the transfer of the Sarawak-Keppel Townline Bridge to the Township of Georgian Bluffs be received;**

**AND THAT Grey County transfers ownership of the Sarawak-Keppel Townline Bridge (Structure Number 900003) to the Township of Georgian Bluffs in an “as is” condition, with the agreement that the County will remove the bridge railings in 2016 at the County’s cost.**

Carried

## Reports – Paramedic Services

### *PSR-TAPS-02-16 Purchase of Two New Ambulances*

Mike Muir presented the above noted report regarding the purchase of two new ambulances. Mr. Muir noted that if the Purchase Order for the ambulances is submitted by December 18, 2015, the provider will hold the 2015 pricing.

TAPS12-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean                      Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**WHEREAS on March 6, 2012 Grey County Council approved the purchase of ambulances from Demers Ambulance under a single source arrangement to ensure fleet standardization for a period of five years;**

**AND WHEREAS 2016 pricing received by the preferred vendor contains an increase of approximately 1.87 % over the 2015 pricing;**

**AND WHEREAS all purchasing policies and procedures have been adhered to;**

**AND WHEREAS the 2016 capital vehicle replacement budget for two ambulances is approved in the amount of \$332,020.**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT PSR-TAPS-02-16 regarding the purchase of two ambulances be received;**

**AND THAT the purchase of two ambulances be awarded to Demers Ambulances for the amount of \$327,840 excluding taxes;**

**AND THAT ambulance units 1268 and 1200 be disposed of as per section 10.02 of Grey County's Purchasing Procedures;**

**AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to proceed with the purchase prior to County Council approval as per Section 24.13 (b) of Procedural By-law 4876-14, as amended.**

Carried

## Closed Meeting Matters

TAPS13-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy                      Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

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

- i. Labour relations or employee negotiations pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 regarding Report PSR-TAPS-01-16 (Paramedic Services Analysis)**

**AND THAT the following staff remain in attendance:**

**Kim Wingrove, Mike Muir, Kevin Wepler, Mary Lou Spicer, Michael Kelly and Tara Warder.**

Carried

The Committee proceeded into closed session at 11:29 AM.

*TAPS14-16* Moved by: Councillor Pringle                      Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**THAT the Committee return to open session at 11:42 AM**

Carried

The Chair confirmed that only those matters identified in resolution TAPS13-16 above were discussed in closed session.

*TAPS15-16* Moved by: Councillor Boddy                      Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

**THAT Report PSR-TAPS-01-16 regarding Grey Bruce Emergency Medical Services be received;**

**AND THAT a project facilitator be hired to facilitate the work on this service analysis between the two communities and that it be jointly funded;**

**AND THAT a Steering Committee be formed consisting of the Project Facilitator; the Warden of each County; the Committee Chairs of each County; and the CAOs of each County;**

**AND FURTHER THAT An Operational Committee be struck consisting of: the project facilitator, each CAO, each Directors of both Counties, Managers of Quality Assurance and Managers of Operations along with key members of the Finance and Human Resources Team.**

Carried

Correspondence



Discussion occurred on the correspondence on the Municipality of Meaford's by-law to permit off-road vehicles on certain roadways. Michael Kelly noted that once the proposed mapping is complete showing where All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are permitted, staff can assess possible routes. It is anticipated that this will come forward in 2016.

Discussion occurred on the merits of permitting ATVs on roadways.

TAPS16-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield      Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

**THAT the following correspondence be received for information:**

- **Municipality of Meaford – By-law to Permit Off-Road Vehicles to be Driven on Certain Roadways**

Carried

TAPS17-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean      Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

**THAT the following correspondence be received for information:**

- **Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund – Unsuccessful Expression of Interest**
- **Ontario Good Roads Association – Report of the Nominating Committee**
- **Local Authority Services (LAS) Gas Program Reserve Fund Update**

Carried

## Other Business

*Delegation Requests – Rural Ontario Municipal Association/Ontario*

*Good Roads Association 2016 Conference*

TAPS18-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean      Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

**THAT the following delegation requests be submitted for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association/Ontario Good Roads Association 2016 Conference:**

- **Ministry of Transportation – Alvanley Intersection**
- **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Increasing The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC) fees**
- **Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs - Clarification**

**Regarding How Rural Transportation Projects will be viewed**

Carried

Next Meeting Dates

**Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

John Bell, Chair