

## Transportation and Public Safety Committee

August 18, 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, Norm Jack and John McKean; and Warden Alan Barfoot

### Staff

Present: Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Wendy Bieman, Quality Assurance Manager; Graham Wilson, Maintenance Manager; Matt Marck, Senior Engineering Technologist and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

## Call to Order

Chair Bell called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

## Adoption of the Agenda

*TAPS91-16* Moved by: Councillor Halliday                      Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated August 18, 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 July

21, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on August 2, 2016.

## Deputations

### *Lucy Richmond*

Lucy Richmond addressed the Committee on the ongoing Environmental Assessment on Highway 26. Ms. Richmond noted that a petition has been circulated regarding safety concerns. Ms. Richmond is requesting the County support safety improvements on Highway 26, including a speed limit of 60 kilometres per hour between Grey Road 19 and 21, signals at Grey Road 21 and signage showing that section to be a “no passing” zone. Further, she is requesting that there be no roadway or driveway closures.

Warden Barfoot then entered the meeting.

It was noted by the Committee that it would be beneficial to have consistency along the Highway 26 corridor from the border of Collingwood west towards Grey Road 19.

Staff noted that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will be requesting the County to provide comments during the Environmental Assessment process.

Ms. Richmond requested to be copied on the comments that the County submits to the MTO.

## Reports – Paramedic Services

### PSR-TAPS-07-16 Paramedic Services Response Time Plan

Mike Muir presented the above noted report regarding response time plans, as required by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Staff wish to maintain the current response time targets.

Mr. Muir outlined the various levels and response time targets.

Staff are recommending that the report be submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

TAPS92-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield      Seconded by: Councillor McKean

**WHEREAS the County of Grey is required to submit annual Response Time Plans to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care related to ambulance response time targets;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report PSR-TAPS-07-16  
be received;**

**AND THAT the 2017 Response Time Plan outlined in the report be  
submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on or before  
October 1, 2016.**

Carried

## PSR-TAPS-09-16 Therapy Dog for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Therapy

Mike Muir noted that the Province requires Emergency Services employers to implement strategies to help paramedics deal with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The County is developing an employee wellness program aimed at prevention of this disorder.

Wendy Bieman addressed the Committee on the above report. Staff are recommending that the County acquire a therapy animal as part of the development of the PTSD program.

Ms. Bieman noted that cumulative stress can lead to PTSD. Staff spoke to the positive effects of therapy animals, including the experiences of other municipalities. It was noted that the dog would spend the day with a management team who would take it to different bases and live with a paramedic services host family.

Staff spoke to the experience of the City of Ottawa, which has seen positive results from using a therapy dog.

Committee suggested that this item be discussed jointly with Bruce County as part of ongoing discussions related to provision of paramedic services. Further suggestion was made that staff coordinate with the local shelters to bring a dog into the ambulance bases for therapy purposes. Staff noted that the shelters are not always available when needed.

Committee noted that they wish to see the preventative PTSD plan in its entirety before acquiring a therapy dog.

There was concern expressed that \$1,200 will not be enough to cover the expenses and that it should perhaps be a budget item.

Staff addressed further questions from the Committee, noting that the dog would not be in a response vehicle.

*TAPS93-16* Moved by: Warden Barfoot

Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

**WHEREAS the Ontario Government has enacted legislation requiring emergency services employers to provide programs aimed at reducing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD);**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County is developing the required employee wellness program aimed at reducing PTSD;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report PSR-TAPS-09-16 be received;**

**AND THAT Grey County Paramedic Services proceed with further development of the preventative PTSD program, and that it be presented to Committee at a future date.**

Carried

## Reports – Transportation Services

### Addendum to Report TR-TAPS-42-16 ATV Access on Grey County Roads

Graham Wilson addressed the above report. TR-TAPS-42-16 was deferred at the last meeting in order for further review to be undertaken regarding where ATVs are to be permitted.

An updated Schedule A has been developed which shows the roads where ATVs are not permitted.

Mr. Wilson noted that staff recommended signage not be installed for the trial period.

*TAPS94-16* Moved by: Councillor McKean      Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**WHEREAS TR-TAPS-37-16 summarized the requests for the use of ATV and Side-by-Side Off Road Vehicles on Grey County Roads;**

**AND WHEREAS staff was directed on July 21, 2016 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 WHEREAS staff have reviewed and modified some of these requests based on input from the Grey County member municipalities;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-42-16**

**and Addendum to TR-TAPS-42-16 be received;**

**AND THAT the use of ATV's on County Roads be approved, with the exception of the roads identified in Schedule A of Addendum to TR-TAPS-42-16;**

**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)**

**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;**

**AND THAT Staff enter into discussions with the ATV Clubs and local municipalities to determine cost sharing arrangements related to road use by ATVs.**

Carried

## TR-TAPS-45-16 Grey Road 13 Setback Exemption Request

Matt Marck presented the above noted report regarding a request for exemption from the Setback Policy for an existing pergola in the Blue Mountains.

*TAPS95-16* Moved by: Councillor Greenfield      Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**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 a request has been received to be exempt from Grey County's Setback Policy to accommodate an existing open air pergola that has been constructed 64 feet (19.5 metres) from the centreline of Grey Road 13 at the property municipally described as 778264 (Grey Road 13) in the Village of Clarksburg, Town of the Blue Mountains;**

**AND WHEREAS accommodating the requested setback exemption will not have any adverse impact on Grey Road 13;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-45-16 be received;**

**AND THAT the request for a building setback of 64 feet (19.5 metres) from the centreline of Grey Road 13 to accommodate an existing open air pergola at the property municipally described as 778264 (Grey Road 13) in the Village of Clarksburg, Town of the Blue Mountains, be approved.**

Carried

### TR-TAPS-41-16 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulating Traffic and Parking within the County of Grey Roads System – Schedule “P” Rates of Speed – Grey Road 13.

Matt Marck addressed the Committee on the above noted report, which comes forward as a result of a deputation made at the June 23, 2016 meeting.

Staff are recommending that the community safety zone be extended outside of the residential area. The speed limit is to remain the same and solar powered signs are not to be installed by the County.

With respect to truck traffic, staff are not recommending any changes. A small percentage of the daily traffic is truck traffic and many are travelling to warehouses and are of a seasonal nature.

*TAPS96-16* Moved by: Councillor Halliday                      Seconded by: Councillor Jack

**WHEREAS a Deputation attended the Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting on June 23, 2016 with the following concerns:**

- 1. Speeding on Matilda and Marsh Streets (Grey Road 13);**
- 2. Relocation of the Community Safety Zone signage to the outer limits of the residential area south of Clarksburg;**
- 3. Installation of solar powered radar signs;**
- 4. Establishment of a truck route outside of the Village of Clarksburg;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-41-16 regarding the requests of the Deputation be received;**

**AND FURTHER THAT as a result of speed limit analysis the existing speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour remain unchanged and the**

**existing Community Safety Zone signage be relocated southerly outside of the residential area;**

**AND THAT the solar powered radar signs not be installed;**

**AND THAT Schedule “P” Community Safety Zones – Anytime of By-Law 4788-13 be amended as follows to reflect the proposed revisions;**

Schedule “P”  
By-Law 4788-13  
Amended by By-law 4885-15 February 3, 2015  
Section 5.3 (b)  
**Community Safety Zones – Anytime**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Grey Road No.	Location	From	To
13	Communities of Clarksburg and Thornbury	165 m south of the intersection of the 10 <sup>th</sup> Line, Clarksburg, northerly	The intersection of Napier Street, Thornbury, easterly

Carried

## Other Business

Councillor Halliday requested that staff look at the costs of installing real time traffic light controls at Highway 10 and Grey Road 12 in Markdale, as well as Highway 10 and Grey Road 4 in Flesherton. Matt Marck noted that the Flesherton intersection controller is on the list of controllers to be upgraded. Markdale’s can be changed.

## Next Meeting Dates

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

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

John Bell, Chair