Transportation and Public Safety Committee
October 17, 2013 – 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 Brian Milne; Councillors Bob Pringle, Alan Barfoot, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell, Kevin Eccles; and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillors Ellen Anderson, Bob White and Paul McQueen

Staff Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation; Mike Muir, Director of Emergency Medical Services; Sharon Vokes, County Clerk / Director of Council Services; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk / Records Manager; Doug Johnston, Financial Analyst; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager; Ashleigh Weeden, Communications and Accessibility Coordinator and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Rob Robinson, County Solicitor, was also in attendance for a portion of the closed meeting session.

Call to Order

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

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings
Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated October 3, 2013

The Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes were reviewed.

*TAPS113-13* Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

**THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated October 3, 2013 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

Deputations

The Chair confirmed that NextEra Energy cancelled its deputation.

Closed Meeting Matters

The Chair advised that the Committee will go into closed meeting at 10:01 AM for consideration of certain matters.

*TAPS114-13* Moved by: Warden McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

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

i. A proposed or pending acquisition of land by the Municipality for the purposes of road widening per Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001 with regard to Report TR-TAPS-68-13.

ii. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose per Section 239 (2) (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001 with regard to road use agreements.

iii. Litigation or potential litigation, affecting the municipality with respect to a case before the Ontario Energy Board per Section 239 (2) (e) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

iv. Adoption of the closed meeting minutes of September 19,
AND THAT the following staff members remain in attendance: Lance Thurston, Michael Kelly, Sharon Vokes, Heather Morrison, Pat Hoy, Mike Muir and Tara Warder, and Rob Robinson, Municipal Solicitor.

Carried

TAPS115-13 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee do now return to open session at 10:31 AM.

Carried

Reports – Transportation Services

TR-TAPS-66-13 Electric Power Transmitter of Distributor and Road Use Agreements

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the agreements required for wind turbine developments. Staff cited that wind turbine developments can be appropriately administered through an Entrance Permit Agreement, Electric Power Transmitter or Distributor Agreement, and Permission to Transport Oversize/Overweight Cargo Agreement. Staff are requesting endorsement of the overall principles of the agreements with the amendments recommended by the County’s solicitor in closed session.

TAPS116-13 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS Grey County staff were directed to contact lower tier municipal road authorities to begin a process of creating a unified set of policies with regards to road use agreements for wind turbine developments;

AND WHEREAS two (2) generic agreements have been written with input from local municipalities, a Wind Turbine Developer, Grey County’s Solicitor and Grey County staff;

AND WHEREAS the two (2) agreements will ensure that the County’s best interests are considered during the development and operation of wind turbine developments;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-66-13 be received;

AND THAT the electrical power transmitter or distributor to locate structures, equipment or facilities on Grey County Highways and the permitting of Grey County Highways to transport oversized cargo agreements be utilized for wind turbine developments;

AND FURTHER THAT a report be issued for each set of agreements entered into by a development company;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute these agreements with the recommended amendments from the County’s solicitor.

Carried

TR-TAPS-51-13 Grey Road 31 Occupancy Agreement - MAQ

Michael Kelly presented the above report recommending that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute an Occupancy Agreement with St. Mary’s Cement Inc. for Grey Road 31. The agreement outlines the responsibilities of St. Mary’s Cement and Simcoe and Grey Counties.

St. Mary’s Cement Inc. is operating the quarry on behalf of MAQ.

TAPS117-13 Moved by: Councillor Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS the MAQ Aggregate Incorporated (MAQ), Simcoe County and Grey County have executed an Aggregate Haul Route Road and Improvement Agreement regarding the proposed quarry located on Part Lots 20 and 21, Concession A, in the Municipality of Grey Highlands, adjacent to Grey Road 31;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the agreement, MAQ at its cost must reconstruct a section of Grey Road 31 and a quarry entrance;

AND WHEREAS MAQ has requested the Counties of Simcoe and Grey to reassign the agreement to St Marys Cement Inc. (St. Marys);

AND WHEREAS a Road Occupancy agreement has been written and mutually agreed upon that identifies all parties’ responsibilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-51-13 be received;
AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the Grey Road 31 Occupancy Agreement with St. Marys Cement Inc.

Carried

TR-TAPS-70-13 Addendum MAQ Haul Route Road and Improvement Agreement – Grey Road 31

Michael Kelly presented the above report recommending that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute an addendum to the Aggregate Haul Route Road and Improvement Agreement. Mr. Kelly noted that an agreement is currently in place which indicates MAQ cannot haul material until the appropriate work has been completed. St. Mary’s is requesting that the Counties of Simcoe and Grey amend the agreement with MAQ to permit hauling prior to the road upgrades. Simcoe County has been delayed in acquiring the necessary land for road widening purposes.

TAPS118-13 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

WHEREAS Grey County staff were given direction to enter into discussions with MAQ Aggregate Incorporated and Simcoe County to establish an agreement to permit the haulage of material from the quarry, based upon specific conditions per Resolution TAPS78-13;

AND WHEREAS the proposed addendum meets the requirements established by Grey County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-70-13 be received:

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the Addendum for the Aggregate Haul Route Road and Improvement Agreement.

Carried


Michael Kelly presented the above report, noting the purchases made in the third quarter of 2013 that require reporting as per the purchasing policy.

TAPS119-13 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT Report TR-TAPS-65-13 regarding the quarterly purchasing report
for the third quarter of 2013 be received for information. 

Carried

**TR-TAPS-67-13 Normanby – Carrick Bridge**

Michael Kelly presented the above report, citing the options for cost sharing of the Normanby – Carrick Bridge. Staff recommend that payment be made to the Municipality of West Grey in an amount to be determined by the Committee and that the County’s portion of ownership be immediately transferred to the Municipality of West Grey.

Staff confirmed that $450,000 has been allocated by Bruce County for the bridge. This figure was determined prior to the latest cost estimate.

The Committee expressed concern with making payment and transferring the bridge prior to its completion.

**TAPS120-13** Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

WHEREAS staff from the Municipalities of South Bruce and West Grey, as well as the Counties of Bruce and Grey, have reviewed the options to replace the Normanby-Carrick Bridge (including the associated road work) and it was agreed by all four municipalities that the design for the 70 kilometers per hour was the best alternative;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of West Grey has indicated two cost sharing options;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-67-13 be received;

AND THAT the County of Grey transfer its share of ownership of the Normanby-Carrick Bridge to the Municipality of West Grey immediately and the County of Grey provide a lump sum payment to West Grey for $500,000 provided that the Municipality of West Grey replace the Normanby-Carrick Bridge with a two lane structure and approaches that meet a 70 kilometer per hour design speed before December 31, 2015;

AND THAT payment be made to the Municipality of West Grey upon the awarding of a tender for the bridge reconstruction. 

Carried

The Committee briefly recessed then reconvened.
Councillor Eccles then left the meeting.
TAPS121-13 Moved by: Councillor Haswell                Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT the lump sum payment to the Municipality of West Grey in the amount of $500,000 for the Normanby-Carrick bridge be funded from the Capital Infrastructure Reserve.

Carried

TR-TAPS-71-13 Entrance Permit Procedure Addendum – Wind Turbines

Michael Kelly presented the above report and entrance permit procedure addendum proposing an addition to the procedure. At a previous meeting on September 5, 2013, the Committee directed that industrial wind turbines be classed as industrial for entrance permit purposes. In order to accommodate this, clarification is needed within the procedure.

TAPS122-13 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield                Seconded by: Warden McKinlay

WHEREAS the Corporate Procedure for Entrance Permit as per Report TR-TAPS-27-13 and Resolution TAPS48-13 was approved by County Council on May 7, 2013;

AND WHEREAS additional clarification is required in the Procedure for Entrance Permits to accommodate Resolution TAPS95-13 endorsed by County Council on October 1, 2013, declaring Wind Turbine Development entrances to be classified as Industrial/Commercial while permitting separate entrances for existing farm / residential usage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-71-13 be received;

AND THAT the following be added to the Entrance Permit Procedure, MS-TS-001-001:

2.5.11 Wind Turbine Entrance

All wind turbine entrances shall be constructed and administered in accordance to an Industrial/Commercial classification (CSAS-29).

All wind turbine entrances shall require an acceptable Traffic Impact and Road Assessment studies. The Wind Turbine Development must be responsible for all improvements identified in the Traffic Impact and Road Assessment Studies before a permit is issued.
Wind Turbine entrances may be granted provided there is at least 300 metres of frontage on the property and there is at least 150 metres of separation from all other entrances and the spacing complies with Section 3.2 Spacing.

Carried

Correspondence

2013 Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund Expression of Interest

Michael Kelly noted that the deadline for the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund Expression of Interest is November 1st. Staff identified projects for the Committee’s consideration, including bridge replacement on the Artemesia-Glenelg Townline, an additional phase of Grey Road 119, bridge construction on Grey Road 112 towards the Land Force Central Area Training Centre, a partnership with the City of Owen Sound on 3rd Avenue East / Grey Road 15, and the Normanby – Carrick Bridge.

The committee considered the above options.

TAPS123-13 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Warden McKinlay

THAT the County of Grey submit an Expression of Interest for a continuing phase on Grey Road 119 for the 2013 Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund;

AND THAT the Expression of Interest be submitted prior to Council’s adoption of the October 17th Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes as per Section 24.13 (b) of Procedural By-law 4775-13 in order to meet the November 1, 2013 deadline.

Carried

Other Business

Emergency Medical Services Update

Mike Muir updated the Committee on the upcoming service review from the Ministry of Health. Mr. Muir also stated that two Grey County paramedics received the Governor General’s Exemplary Service award and will be acknowledged at an upcoming Council meeting. Mr. Muir also spoke to participation on the paramedical program.

Transportation Services Update
There were none.

Next Meeting Dates

November 7, 2013 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:51 AM.

Brian Milne, Chair