

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

December 19, 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 Alan Barfoot; Councillors Bob Pringle, Wayne Fitzgerald, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Duncan McKinlay and John Bell; and Warden Brian Milne

Regrets: Councillor Deborah Haswell

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Muir, Director of Emergency Medical Services; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Rob Robinson, County solicitor was also in attendance for Report TR-TAPS-10-14 East Durham Wind Incorporated – Electric Power Transmitter or Distributor, Oversize / Overweight Cargo and Road Occupancy Agreements.

Call to Order

Chair Barfoot 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 December 5,
2013*

The minutes were reviewed.

TAPS14-14 Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee
dated December 5, 2013 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There were none.

Reports – Transportation Services

TR-TAPS-10-14 East Durham Wind Incorporated-Electric Power

Transmitter or Distributor, Oversize / Overweight Cargo and Road

Occupancy Agreements

Rob Robinson was in attendance to update the Committee on the content of the above noted agreements. Mr. Robinson noted that the concerns of East Durham Wind have been addressed in these agreements. Mr. Robinson further indicated that the Electricity Act grants power distributors the right to place lines in the right-of-way so either an order will be received from the Ontario Municipal Board which addresses the location of the lines within the right of way or the parties will need to execute an agreement outlining the location.

The Committee inquired as to the oversight that exists to ensure that lines are dug to the required depth. Staff indicated that NextEra will be providing securities and staff will be visiting sites to provide oversight.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee, noting that lines are not generally located beneath ditches and are located as close to the property line as possible, provided that there are no obstacles. Staff were requested to investigate whether an inspection body exists to ensure lines are installed to a specified standard.

It was noted that the peer review and environmental approval certificate have not been completed to date, however the commencement of the project is subject to these

approvals being received. Further, entrance permits have not yet been issued so entrances should not be at the site. Some of the entrances however, may be in the same location as current farm entrances.

Mr. Robinson indicated that ownership of the line will remain with the wind farm owner, as NextEra falls within the definition of distributor.

CC11-14 *The following resolution was passed at the January 9, 2014 session of Grey County Council:*

THAT resolution TAPS15-14 regarding East Durham Wind Incorporated –Electric Power Transmitter or Distributer, Oversize/Overweight Cargo and Road Occupancy Agreements be deferred and referred to the next Transportation and Public Safety Committee.

TAPS15-14 Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

WHEREAS East Durham Wind Incorporated wishes to utilize Grey Road 4 to place an electrical plant in accordance with Section 41 of the Electricity Act, 1998 (Ontario) and to transport oversized/overweight loads to accommodate the construction of a wind turbine development in the Municipality of West Grey;

AND WHEREAS Grey County Council approved generic agreements (Report TR-TAPS-66-13) for the placement of electrical plants on Grey Road right-of-ways and for oversized/overweight cargo loads for wind turbine developments;

AND WHEREAS East Durham Wind Incorporated, the County of Grey's Solicitor and staff have negotiated modifications to the generic agreements for Electric Power Transmitter or Distributer and Oversize/Overweight Cargo;

AND WHEREAS East Durham Wind Incorporated, the County of Grey's Solicitor and staff have negotiated an occupancy agreement to permit temporary modifications to Grey Road 4 to accommodate the oversized loads;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-10-14 be received;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the following three agreements with East Durham Wind Incorporated:

- 1) **Electrical Power Distributor to Locate Structures, Equipment or Facilities on Grey County Highways.**
- 2) **Permitting Use of Grey County Highway to Transport Over-sized/Over-weight Cargo.**
- 3) **Road Occupancy**

Carried

TR-TAPS-08-14 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulating Traffic and Parking

The Committee considered the above report, noting that large vehicles are parking on the side of the road and blocking driveways and sightlines. The amendment to the by-law will address the matter.

TAPS16-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

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 (Schedule "U" No Parking Zone) are recommended to accommodate the Township of Southgate's request to improve safety and enhance municipal services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-08-14 be received;

AND THAT the By-Law 4788-13 Schedule "U" No Parking Zone be amended to add the following:

Grey Road 9 (Dundalk), south side, from Provincial Highway 10 westerly to Sinclair Street.

Carried

TR-TAPS-09-14 Setback Exemption Request

The Committee considered the above report.

TAPS17-14 Moved by: Warden Milne Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

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 metres) 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 owner of Plan 500 Presbyterian Church L PT, in the Municipality of West Grey, civic address number 394 Queen Street North (Grey Road 27) is seeking permission to obtain an exemption to the setback policy to 16.76 metres (55 feet) from the centerline of Grey Road 27;

AND WHEREAS accommodating the requested setback exemption will not have any adverse impact on Grey Road 27;

AND WHEREAS the setback exemption is contingent on the proponent fulfilling all other requirements of severance as identified by the Municipality of West Grey;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-09-14 be received;

AND THAT the request for a building setback of 55 feet (16.76 metres) from the centerline of Grey Road 27 for a new lot severed off of Plan 500 Presbyterian Church L PT, in the Municipality of West Grey, civic address number 394 Queen Street North be approved.

Carried

TR-TAPS-12-14 Capstone Power Development – Skyway 8 Wind Farm

Entrance Permits

Michael Kelly presented the above report, noting that Capstone has presented an application for two entrance permits located on Grey Road 2. Capstone has completed a Traffic Impact Study which indicated auxiliary lanes were not required. Further, the road assessment study concluded that some damage may result from the traffic and the County will be requesting securities to mitigate damage costs. Capstone has received environmental compliance approval from the Ministry of Environment and the application is considered to be complete.

TAPS18-14 Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS at the September 5, 2013 Transportation and Public Safety Committee the Committee provided direction that it receives an information report outlining the staff assessment of the current outstanding entrance applications related to industrial wind turbine projects before staff render a decision on the applications;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-12-14 regarding two Capstone Power Development - Skyway 8 Wind Farm wind turbine development entrance permits on Grey Road 8 be received for information;

AND THAT it is understood that the entrance permits submitted meet the County's entrance criteria for industrial wind turbine development and will be approved by the Director of Transportation Services under authority granted by County Council through its Delegation of Duties Policy, G-GEN-008 as amended, and in accordance with Entrance Permit Procedure MS-TS-001-001.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were none.

Correspondence

Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) – Report of the OGRA

Nominating Committee

The nominating Committee has recommended Terry McKay and Duncan McKinlay to the Board.

TAPS19-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT the correspondence received from the Ontario Good Roads Association regarding nominations to the Board of Directors be received for information.

Carried

Resolution from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell –

Amendment to the Aggregate Resources Act – Peat Moss Extraction

TAPS20-14 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT the County of Grey support Resolution 2013/208 from the United Counties of Prescott and Russell regarding an amendment to the Aggregate Resource Act for peat moss extraction.

Carried

Other Business

2014 ROMA/OGRA Combined Conference Municipal Delegation Registration

TAPS21-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS the County of Grey submitted a letter of support to the Ministry of Transportation in response to Bruce County's request advocating the inclusion of intersection improvements in Alvanley with the Highway 21 rehabilitation project;

AND WHEREAS the County is in receipt of a response letter from the Ministry indicating that pursuing cost sharing arrangements for the roundabout in Alvanley will increase the project's priority and that the Ministry has already tendered the contract for the resurfacing of Highway 21 from Port Elgin to Alvanley;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a delegation be requested with the Ministry of Transportation at the 2014 Rural Ontario Municipal Association / Ontario Good Roads Association Conference to discuss intersection improvements at Highway 21 and the Grey Bruce Line and combining the project with the resurfacing of Highway 21 from Port Elgin to Alvanley;

AND THAT a letter be sent as soon as possible to the Ministry of Transportation in response to its correspondence.

Carried

Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) Update

Duncan McKinlay provided an OGRA Update to the Committee, noting that an advocacy day was held recently which advocated for new revenue tools for municipalities, for the province to embrace a standardized system for data collection, and a request for funds to collect road, infrastructure and public housing information in order to plan properly for future replacement.

Application for 2013 Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund

Inquiry was made as to whether a response has been received from the Province on the County's funding application. Staff noted that no response has been received.

Transportation Services Update

Michael Kelly provided an update on the Bridge Crew activities, noting that they have

been reassigned to winter activities. Further discussion will take place at the January meeting on plans for moving forward in the summer season.

It was also noted that meetings have occurred regarding redeployment of staff at the sign shop. A meeting will take place in January with the lower tier municipalities if they wish to collaborate with Grey County on a tender for the contracting of signs. Additionally, discussions will take place with the lower tiers to determine the interest in retaining a shared structural engineer.

The fabric for the Feversham sand dome is not yet installed.

Staff anticipate that a meeting will be held with Harold Sutherland Construction after the January 7, 2014 session of Grey County Council in response to HSC's request for a meeting at the December 5, 2013 Committee session regarding the Keppel Quarry Expansion.

Meetings have occurred with the City of Owen Sound regarding the reconstruction of Grey Road 15 / 3rd Avenue East. City staff have concern over constructing that road at the same time as the treatment plant. The timing of the project will be dependent on whether the City is a recipient of 2013 Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure funding.

Comments have been sent into the Ontario Energy Board by Grey County and NextEra Energy, however if the agreements can be mutually agreed upon, the matter will be resolved.

Emergency Medical Services Update

Mr. Muir noted that meetings have occurred with lead strategists on the role paramedics could play in health care provision. Staff expect to see reports in early 2014. Meetings have also occurred with senior ministry officials of the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs.

Next Meeting Dates

January 23, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle the meeting adjourned at 11:15 PM

Alan Barfoot, Chair