

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

June 5, 2014 – 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: Councillors Bob Pringle, Wayne Fitzgerald, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Duncan McKinlay and John Bell; and Warden Brian Milne

Regrets: Councillors Alan Barfoot and Deborah Haswell

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager; Ron Parkin, Maintenance Manager; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Warden Milne called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

TAPS75-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT Warden Milne be appointed Chair of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee for the June 5, 2014 meeting.

Carried

Mary Lou Spicer introduced the Finance Department's two students who have joined the County for the summer. CJ Polselli is completing his high school co-op placement in the Department, and Adam Alpaugh is a summer student who is undertaking Business Administration at Wilfrid Laurier University

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated May 22, 2014

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council as presented on June 3, 2014.

Reports – Paramedic Services

EMSR-TAPS-14-14 2015-2019 Five Year Capital Forecast

Mike Muir presented the above report, providing a summary of proposed projects from 2015-2019. Mr. Muir provided details on the Craigeith Base debenture payment, ambulance replacement, stretcher replacement and construction of an ambulance base in Chatsworth beginning in 2016.

The Committee discussed the future construction of the Chatsworth base and the call volumes in the southern portion of the County. Mr. Muir noted that the proposed plan is to build on to the existing building in Chatsworth.

Staff noted that ambulance bases are required to restock and clean vehicles in between calls. It was noted that paramedics do not patrol and are a station based entity, however standby coverage is provided on a regular basis.

The Committee discussed the future development of the former Talisman Resort and the possibility for increased volume in that area as a result.

TAPS76-14 Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT Report EMSR-TAPS-14-14 regarding the draft Five Year Capital Forecast for 2015 to 2019 for Paramedic Services operations be received as presented and forwarded for inclusion in the corporate Five Year Capital Forecast for consideration by County Council.

Carried

Reports – Transportation Services

TR-TAPS-45-14 Transportation Services

Michael Kelly presented the above report and reviewed the proposed projects for construction, resurfacing and minor capital, as well as machinery and housing.

The Committee discussed future installation of paved shoulders. Mr. Kelly noted that paved shoulders are installed when a road is reconstructed if paved shoulders are included in the policy endorsed by the Committee. Retrofitting for paved shoulders is a costly endeavor.

Mr. Kelly noted that a 20 year assessment has been completed by Finance staff and contributing \$675,000 per year to machinery reserves will build a healthy reserve for equipment purchases in the future.

The Committee noted that the road rationalization study has to be completed to identify priorities in road and bridges.

TAPS77-14 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT Report TR-TAPS-45-14 regarding the Transportation Services 2015-2019 draft Five Year Capital Forecast be received as presented and forwarded for inclusion in the corporate Five Year Capital Forecast for consideration by County Council.

Carried

The Committee briefly recessed then reconvened.

TR-TAPS-46-14 Treated Salt

Michael Kelly presented the above, recommending that the County implement the use of treated salt beginning in the 2014-2015 winter maintenance season. The County has been utilizing white salt which is sprayed with a deicer by the truck's pre wet system as it is sprayed onto the road.

The proposed product already contains the pre wetting liquid. Mr. Kelly noted the benefits of treated salt, including better adhesion to the road surface and decreased repairs and maintenance to the liquid application apparatus.

TAPS78-14 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS Grey County has a contract with Cargill to supply white salt for winter maintenance;

AND WHEREAS there is a new product called treated salt that the Transportation Services Department experimented during the winter of 2013/2014 and had very positive results;

AND WHEREAS there are cost and operation advantages to completing a change order to replace the white salt with treated salt for the 2014/ 2015;

AND WHEREAS Cargill is willing to enter into a change order to convert the white salt to treated salt and have provided an acceptable unit cost for the treated salt;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-46-14 regarding Treated Salt be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Transportation Services Department be authorized to enter into a change order with Cargill to replace the white salt with treated salt for the 2014/2015 winter.

Carried

Other Business

Paramedic Services Update

Mike Muir updated the Committee on Paramedic Services week events. The event was well attended. Monica Wepler was Chief of the Day and had the opportunity to participate in various events. The Committee congratulated paramedic staff for their hard work on making the event a success.

Transportation Services Update

Michael Kelly provided an update to the Committee, noting that staff are working to control Wild Chervil within the County rights of way. Staff are also in the process of ordering information signage and route marker signs, repairing pot holes and signs, and undertaking grading and tree cutting.

The Committee discussed the strategy for controlling wild chervil in the right of way.

TAPS79-14 Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT a letter be sent to the Provincial Weed Inspector from Warden Milne on behalf of County Council to reinforce the urgency of federal and provincial approval of the herbicide Dupont Truvist for wild chervil;

AND THAT a review of the status in the regulatory process be provided.

Carried

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, June 19, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM.

Brian Milne, Acting Chair