 Committee Minutes

# Transportation and Public Safety CommitteeSeptember 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 Brian Milne; Councillors Bob Pringle, Alan Barfoot, Paul McQueen, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell and Ellen Anderson; and Warden Duncan McKinlay**

**Regrets: Councillor Kevin Eccles**

**Staff**

**Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Muir, Director of Emergency Medical Services; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary**

## Call to Order

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

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

## Minutes of Meetings

### Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated September 5, 2013

The Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes were reviewed.

*TAPS99-13* Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

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

 Carried

## Reports – Emergency Medical Services

### EMSR-TAPS-07-13 Grey County EMS 2014 Response Time Plan

Mike Muir presented the above report regarding the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Response Time Plan. EMS is required to submit a response time plan annually to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding ambulance response times. The statistics are posted on the Ministry’s website and are public information.

Mr. Muir compared the response time targets against the performance statistics by Grey County EMS staff, noting the positive results.

The Committee requested that a report be prepared in the new year showing the statistics over the winter. Staff indicated that an additional report could be provided in February or March, 2014.

*TAPS100-13* Moved by: Councillor White Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

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

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report EMSR-TAPS-07-13 be received;**

**AND THAT the 2014 Response Time Plan outlined in the report be submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on or before October 1, 2013.**

 Carried

## Business Arising from the Minutes

### Discussion on TR-TAPS-34-12 Harold Sutherland Co. Keppel Quarry Extension

Discussion occurred regarding the above report adopted by the Committee in June, 2012.

Staff addressed questions and comments from the Committee respecting the process undertaken for traffic impact and road assessment studies, the County’s responsibilities versus the proponent’s responsibilities for road maintenance and volume of traffic.

The purpose of a road assessment study is to compare the longevity of the haul road with and without the additional traffic generated from a development. It will also identify if, what and when upgrades will be required to the haul road to negate damage and premature failure.

Staff confirmed that the Committee will be involved in decisions related to required upgrades determined from the traffic impact study and road assessment.

*TAPS101-13* Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor White

**THAT the road assessment / traffic impact study being undertaken in support of the Harold Sutherland Co. Keppel Quarry Expansion be presented to the Committee upon completion.**

 Carried

The Committee recessed then reconvened.

## Reports – Transportation

### TR-TAPS-61-13 Roundup Usage

Michael Kelly addressed the above report, explaining why Round Up / Glyphosate is sprayed around guiderails. Mr. Kelly indicated that spraying is done to keep the vegetation under control and ensure that guardrails remain visible to motorists. It was noted that many municipalities undertake this practice.

Lance Thurston cited that several complaints were received regarding the use of Round Up and its effects on water systems, life and vegetation. Staff confirmed that Round Up is regulated by Health Canada and approved for use, and is applied by trained and certified staff. The County uses approximately 160 litres of the substance per year and does not apply it within 15 metres of waterways.

Staff estimate that the cost to mitigate weeks at the guiderail using whipper snippers would be approximately $100,000 annually.

*TAPS102-13* Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

**WHEREAS in 2013, Grey County received several complaints regarding the use of Round Up to eradicate weeds;**

**AND WHEREAS Health Canada and the Ministry of Environment of Ontario have approved the use of Round Up;**

**AND WHEREAS certified and trained County staff apply Round Up as per the instructions on the label;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-61-13 be received;**

**AND THAT the Transportation Services Department continues the usage of Round Up to eradicate weeds provided the application meets the label requirements and the product is approved by Health Canada and the Ministry of Environment.**

 Carried

### TR-TAPS-62-13 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulating Traffic and Parking

The Committee considered the above report.

*TAPS103-13* Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

**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 are recommended to accommodate revised busing at a school and to better define a “No Parking” zone;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-62-13 be received;**

**AND THAT the By-Law 4788-13 be amended as follows:**

* **Schedule “O” rates of speed in school zones for restrictive times, 40 kilometers per hour for the Beaver Valley Community School, effective time, during school days:**

**7:45 to 9:00 a.m.**

**10:45 to 11:45 a.m.**

**1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

**3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

* **Schedule “U” Grey Road 9 (Neustadt), north side, western intersection of Grey Road No. 10 (Mill Street), a point 500 metres east of the intersection.**

 Carried

## Other Business

### Emergency Medical Services Update

Mike Muir provided an update to the Committee regarding the involvement of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) staff in events this past weekend, including the Centurion Race, Ribfest, the Concours at Cobble Beach. EMS staff were busy due to the number of people in attendance for the events and up-staffed for the weekend.

Staff requested information on the lower tier municipalities’ practices or requirements for medical services at special events, indicating that it would aid EMS to have a standardized practice across municipalities outlining what first aid requirements are needed at such events.

### Transportation Services Update

Michael Kelly requested the Committee’s input on how to treat requests regarding all-terrain vehicle (ATV) use on County roads. Staff noted that there are certain roads which currently permit ATV use. The Committee acknowledged that they will consider requests on a case by case basis.

Mr. Kelly further noted that a letter has been received requesting the removal of rumble strips at some locations that do not conform with the most recent policy. Staff cited that it costs approximately $7,000 to remove rumble strips.

Committee noted a prior discussion taking place resulting in direction that rumble strips not be removed until resurfacing is required.

*TAPS104-13* Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor White

**THAT existing rumble strips installed prior to the adoption of Policy MS-TS-007 Stop Controlled Intersections, remain in place until road resurfacing takes place.**

Carried

Mr. Kelly informed the Committee that NextEra was advised of the permit approval process discussed at the September 5th, 2013 Committee meeting.

There is a meeting taking place on October 2nd , 2013 to review alternative alignments for the replacement of the the Normanby – Carrick bridge.

Councillor Anderson requested that the Director of Transportation Services explore the opportunity for partnership and building expansion with the Town of the Blue Mountains at the County owned property in Ravenna.

The tender for the Feversham sand dome repair has been awarded. The fabric needs to be prepared and will be followed by installation. Staff anticipate it will be completed by the middle of November pending suitable weather.

## Closed Meeting Matters

The Chair advised that the Committee will go into closed meeting at 12:05 PM for consideration of a certain matter.

*TAPS105-13* Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

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

1. **A proposed or pending acquisition of land per Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001 with regard to Report TR-TAPS-63-13**
2. **Adoption of the closed meeting minutes of April 4, 2013 and September 5, 2013**

**AND THAT the following staff members remain in attendance: Michael Kelly, Mike Muir, Kevin Weppler, Lance Thurston and Tara Warder.**

Carried

*TAPS106-13* Moved by: Warden McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

**THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee do now return to open session at 12:27 PM**

 Carried

## Next Meeting Dates

**Thursday, October 3, 2013 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 12:27 PM.

 Brian Milne, Chair