

Transportation and Public Safety Committee October 6, 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: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services, Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Graham Wilson, Maintenance Manager; Matt Marck, Engineering Manager and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

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

Adoption of the Agenda

TAPS103-16 Moved by: Warden Barfoot

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

- 1. That the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated October 6, 2016 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

Transportation and Public Safety Committee closed meeting

minutes dated September 22, 2016

TAPS104-16 Moved by: Councillor McKean

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

- 1. That the closed meeting minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated September 22, 2016 be adopted as provided to the Committee.**

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated September 22, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on October 4, 2016.

Reports – Finance

FR-TAPS-30-16 2017 Corporate Budget Overview and Background

Kevin Weppler presented the above noted report to Committee, noting that the levy increase, net any estimated assessment growth and the Ontario Works upload, is 1.97%.

Mr. Weppler outlined proposed corporate staffing changes and the possible risks within the budget such as legal costs, changes in provincial and/or federal funding, and rising electricity costs.

TAPS105-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

- 1. That Report FR-TAPS-30-16 regarding the 2017 Corporate Budget Overview and Background be received for information.**

Carried

Transportation and Public Safety Budget Summary

The Committee considered the summary.

Reports – Paramedic Services

PSR-TAPS-10-16 Paramedic Services Department Budget

Overview

Mike Muir presented the above noted report. Mr. Muir highlighted the main impacts to the draft budget. The total increase over the 2016 Paramedic Services budget is 5.03%. Kim Wingrove noted that the service review with Bruce County is nearing completion and the consultants have indicated that Grey and Bruce County's cost of providing the service is on par with the rest of the Province.

Mr. Muir noted that if no provincial funding is received for the Enhancing Paramedicine in the Community (EPIC) program, it will end.

Mr. Muir also spoke to a training day that is needed in 2017 for Paramedics. The Ministry is updating standards and staff need to be trained on the updates.

Staff addressed questions regarding staffing, the EPIC program and ambulance replacement schedules and process.

The Committee noted the importance of doing a communication piece with the public and regular users of the EPIC program if the program does end in order to ensure continuity in their care.

Councillor Jack then entered the meeting.

Committee concurred with staff to borrow \$40,000 from reserves to offset the 2017 one time ministry training day. This would be paid back over the 2018 and 2019 budget years. It is a one-time training session.

TAPS106-16 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Jack

- 1. That Report PSR-TAPS-10-16 regarding the draft 2017 Paramedic Services Budget be received; and**
- 2. That the draft 2017 Paramedic Services Budget be forwarded to County Council for consideration as amended, by taking \$40,000 from reserves to fund the training day in 2017.**

Carried

Reports – Transportation Services

TR-TAPS-52-16 Transportation Services Department Budget Overview

Pat Hoy addressed the Committee on the draft Transportation Services budget. The Transportation Services budget as presented requires a 2.78% increase over the 2016 Transportation Services budget. Mr. Hoy outlined the main impacts on the budget.

The Committee reviewed the Construction and Resurfacing map.

It was noted that there is an issue with storm water management near Badjeros. Committee inquired as to whether there is a funding opportunity for this repair through the Ministry of Infrastructure.

Staff addressed questions from Committee regarding paved shoulders, sections of road to be constructed and resurfaced.

Mr. Hoy noted that staff will be undertaking a review of the County owned quarry in 2017.

Staff noted that based on the information from the Development Charges study, changes can be made to the funding sources in the budget, however do not impact the levy requirement.

TAPS107-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

- 1. That Report TR-TAPS-52-16 regarding the 2017 Transportation Services Department budget be received; and**
- 2. That the 2017 Transportation Services Department budget be forwarded to County Council for consideration as amended, by making changes to the sources of funding in the budget which do not change the total net levy requirements for the Transportation Services budget.**

Carried

Other Business

Councillor Halliday noted that he would like to present a motion at the November 3rd meeting regarding installing engine brake signage in the north bound lane on Grey Road 13.

Next Meeting Dates

October 20, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

November 3, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

John Bell , Chair