



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety November 22, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

The Transportation and Public Safety Committee met on the above date at the Jerry K. Teed Fire Hall in Craighleith with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Alan Barfoot, Councillors Bob Pringle, Paul McQueen, Bob White, Francis Richardson, Brian Milne, Ellen Anderson, John Bell and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillor Deborah Haswell

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Mike Muir, Director of EMS; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; and Diana Livingston and Tara Warder, Recording Secretaries

Call to Order

Chair Barfoot called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Minutes of Meetings

Transportation and Public Safety Committee Minutes dated November 8, 2012

The Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes were reviewed.

TAPS86-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Milne

THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated November 8, 2012 be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

None

Closed Meeting Matters

There were none.

Reports – Chief Administrative Officer

CAOR-TAPS-20-12 – Neustadt Land Acquisition

Lance Thurston presented the above report to the Committee regarding the acquisition of a parcel of land in Neustadt on County Road 10 abutting the former Neustadt Mill. Mr. Thurston indicated that the subject land is a paved portion of the road and shoulder of County Road 10 constructed decades ago. The formal land acquisition however, was not registered on title by Grey County at that time. As such, Mr. Thurston is seeking endorsement to transfer title of the land to Grey County in order to correct the inconsistency.

Councillor Pringle then entered the meeting.

TAPS87-12 BROUGHT FORWARD UNDER BUSINESS ON MOTION AND ENDORSED AT THE NOVEMBER 27, 2012 SESSION OF GREY COUNTY COUNCIL

TAPS87-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT Report CAOR-TAPS-20-12 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Warden and Clerk to sign an agreement with Mr. Jack Alexander for the transfer of title of lands described as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on Plan 16R-10243, in the Geographic Township of Normanby in the Municipality of West Grey.

Carried

Reports – Finance

FR-TAPS-42-12 EMS Financial Update as of September 30, 2012 and Treatment of Year End Surplus Deficit

Mary Lou Spicer provided the Committee with an update on the projected year end financial position of Emergency Medical Services. Ms. Spicer noted that a surplus of \$154,000.00 is expected, and it is recommended that the surplus be transferred to the Ambulance Equipment and General Reserve.

TAPS88-12-Moved by: Councillor Richardson

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee receive Report FR-TAPS-42-12 regarding a budget to actual overview to September 30, 2012 and treatment of year end surplus/deficit position;

AND THAT the surplus/deficit from the EMS Department at year end be transferred to/from the Ambulance Equipment and General Reserve.

Carried

EMSR-TAPS-11-12 Craigleith Base Financial Update

Mike Muir presented the above noted report to the Committee respecting a financial update on the Craigleith ambulance base. Mr. Muir provided the total expenditures for the construction of the new base, totaling \$981,024.00 up to November 15, 2012. It was noted that project costs are expected to be very close to the targeted budget. There is a small amount of work outstanding at the base; however if total costs exceed the budgeted amount, the EMS surplus will be sufficient to cover the overage.

TAPS89-12-Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT report EMSR-TAPS-11-12 regarding the Craigleith Base Financial Update be received for information.

Carried

Deputations

Jill Badgerow, Chair of the Osprey Museum Board, Denise Roberts, and Dave Russell attended the meeting to speak to the tree removal which took place at the Osprey Museum. Ms. Badgerow expressed concern that three trees were removed from the Museum property, and questioned the need for their removal. It was requested that consideration be given to planting a donated replacement tree in place of the ones removed.

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-53-12 Tree Removal – County Road 31 – Osprey Museum

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the tree removal taking place at the Osprey Museum. Mr. Kelly confirmed that the three trees which were removed were located on the Museum's property with branches that overhang the right-of-way. Mr. Kelly indicated that, according to the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Forester, there is one remaining tree which is a hazard and requires removal, an additional tree that requires trimming and annual monitoring, and a third which is healthy and can remain.

The Committee discussed the importance of keeping the roadway safe for the public, the necessity of tree maintenance, the location of replacement trees, and stressed the importance of communication with property owners and the public in such a process. It was further noted that the Museum property is recognized as having heritage value and that any notice requirements must be fulfilled before changes are made to the property. The Committee indicated that policies should be developed in this area.

Staff were directed to research the heritage status of the Osprey Museum Property under the Ontario Heritage Act and develop a policy on tree removal, replacement and communication. Staff were further directed that options regarding watering and tending of trees specific to the Osprey Museum be considered and included in an upcoming report.

TAPS90-12 Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

WHEREAS Section 62 of the Municipal Act gives the County the authority to remove decayed, damaged or dangerous trees or branches of trees on or adjoining its roadways that in the County's opinion, pose a danger to the health or safety of any person using the road;

AND WHEREAS County staff in consultation with a tree specialist from Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, have identified two trees on property owned by the Osprey Museum Board in Rob Roy as posing a safety threat to persons using adjoining County Road 31; one requiring removal and the other requiring trimming of branches and annual monitoring;

AND WHEREAS the Osprey Museum Board has asked the County to retain the services of an arborist to reassess the two trees in question and provide the Museum Board with spaded trees to replace the trees that have already been removed by the County and leave the stumps as is;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Report TR-TAPS-53-12 regarding tree removal on Grey County Road 31 in front of the Osprey Museum be received;

AND THAT further action on tree removal at the Osprey Museum be deferred pending additional information from staff on proposed policies on the removal of trees on private property, tree replacement, and communications with property owners regarding tree removal and trimming, and on the heritage status of the Osprey Museum property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Carried

The Committee recessed briefly, then reconvened.

Reports – Transportation

Addendum to Report TR-TAPS-40-12 Speed Limit Reduction Request for Grey Road 1

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee with respect to a petition from residents requesting that the speed limit along a specific section of Grey Road 1 be reduced to 60 km per hour from

80 km per hour. Mr. Kelly noted that the original recommendation has not changed. The Committee discussed the safety of that particular section of road.

TAPS91-12 Moved by: Councillor Richardson Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT Addendum to Report TR-TAPS-40-12 be received,

AND THAT A by-law be prepared for Council's consideration to reduce the posted speed limit to 60 km per hour on Grey County Road 1 from Cheshire's Monument to Jane Miller Park.

Carried

TAPS92-12 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Warden McKinlay

THAT the Transportation Services Department develop criterion to evaluate posted speed limits on Grey County roads for consideration by the Transportation and Public Safety Committee for implementation in the first quarter of 2013.

Carried

Addendum to Report TR-TAPS-47-12 Winter Minimum Maintenance Standards

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report respecting Winter Minimum Maintenance Standards (MMS), noting that the Grey County Winter MMS document requires clarification. Mr. Kelly indicated that, as per the Ontario Regulation, road classifications are to be determined by both the speed limit and average annual daily traffic count. This reflects the practice of Grey County in determining its winter operations.

TAPS93-12 BROUGHT FORWARD UNDER BUSINESS ON MOTION AND ENDORSED AS AMENDED AT THE NOVEMBER 27, 2012 SESSION OF GREY COUNTY COUNCIL

TAPS93-12 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS according to Ontario Regulation 239/02, the Grey County Winter Minimum Maintenance Standards road classification should be determined by considering the average annual daily traffic and the posted speed limit;

AND WHEREAS this is the practice of the Grey County Transportation Services Department in determining its winter operations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Addendum to Report TR-TAPS-47-12 be received as presented;

AND THAT the *Grey County Winter Minimum Maintenance Standard* be amended to determine road classifications based on average annually daily traffic and posted speed limits as recommended in Ontario Regulation 239/02.

Carried

TR-TAPS-55-12 Hanover Zoning By-law Amendment Appeal

Michael Kelly presented the above report and provided information on the pending Grey County appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) respecting the Town of Hanover's Zoning By-law Amendment 2719-11. It was noted that County and the Town of Hanover staff agreed that a request be sent to the OMB to approve the respective by-law with Section 6.35 of the Town of Hanover's Zoning By-law reinstated in order to maintain the 75 foot setback to County roads.

TAPS94-12 Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

WHEREAS the County of Grey appealed Town of Hanover Zoning By-law Amendment 2719-11 with respect to the removal of zoning requirements for adhering to the County road setbacks within the Town;

AND WHEREAS County and Town staff have had discussions and come to an acceptable resolution for both parties, which would request that Section 6.35 be reinserted back into the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-55-12 be received;

AND THAT the County of Grey request that the Ontario Municipal Board schedule a teleconference for the purpose resolving the County's appeal against Town of Hanover Zoning By-law Amendment 2719-11 by reinserting Section 6.35 back into the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

Carried

TR-TAPS-57-12 Agreement on Co-operative Evaluation of Winter Maintenance Practices

Michael Kelly presented the above report on the potential for cooperative evaluation and study of winter maintenance practices between the University of Waterloo, Town of Oakville, Steed and Evans Limited and the Ministry of Transportation. Mr. Kelly indicated that there is no cost associated with the study and that the results will enable the County to compare the life cycle

cost of surface treatment and asphalt roads. Additionally, recommendations will be ascertained on which of the two types of road surface is most cost effective.

***TAPS95-12 BROUGHT FORWARD UNDER BUSINESS ON MOTION AND ENDORSED AT
THE NOVEMBER 27, 2012 SESSION OF GREY COUNTY COUNCIL***

TAPS95-12 Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

THAT Report TR-TAPS-57-12 regarding Grey County participation in a Cooperative Evaluation of Winter Road Practices with the Town of Oakville, the University of Waterloo, Steed and Evans Limited and the Ministry of Transportation for the Province of Ontario be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the Director of Transportation Services be authorized to execute an agreement with the Town of Oakville, the University of Waterloo, Steed and Evans Limited and the Ministry of Transportation for the Province of Ontario to complete a study to investigate anti-icing and de-icing as well as comparing winter maintenance on surface treated and asphalt roads.

Carried

Correspondence

The Committee reviewed correspondence asking that the costs and merits of having a gravel shoulder for horse drawn vehicles along Grey Road 3 be investigated.

TAPS96-12 Moved by: Councillor McQueen

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT the correspondence regarding the potential for a gravel trail along Grey Road 3 for horse drawn vehicles be received;

AND THAT the correspondence be forwarded to the Transportation Master Plan consultant;

AND FURTHER THAT the correspondence be forwarded to the affected lower tier Police Services Boards for review.

Carried

Other Business

Transportation Services Update

Grey County has received requests to use signage space currently occupied by Talisman Resort signage. Staff were directed to remove the Talisman signage and evaluate the condition of the signs for recycling potential.

Mr. Kelly informed the Committee that there is potential funding available to municipalities for infrastructure projects from the provincial government through the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII).

Emergency Medical Services Update

A tour and ribbon cutting at the new ambulance base will commence after the meeting.

RESOLUTION TAPS04-13 FROM DECEMBER 20, 2012 AMENDED THE MINUTES AS FOLLOWS

The Committee discussed the need for policies on road use agreements with respect to setbacks and road widening for wind turbine projects.

Staff were directed to research the subject and provide the Committee with an update.

Next Meeting Dates

December 20, 2012 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Alan Barfoot, Chair