

Transportation and Public Safety Committee May 21, 2015 – 10:00 AM

The Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Alan Barfoot; Councillors Bob Pringle, Stewart Halliday, Sue Paterson, Harley Greenfield, Ian Boddy, Anna-Marie Fosbrooke and John McKean; and Warden Kevin Eccles

Regrets: Councillor John Bell

Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Sharon Melville, Buyer and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

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

Adoption of the Agenda

TAPS75-15 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated May 21, 2015 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated April 23, 2015

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on May 5, 2015.

Deputations

Jeremy Miller, Utility Services Manager- Union Gas

Jeremy Miller addressed the Committee and provided background information on Union Gas' involvement and services in the County. It was noted that Union Gas is the only utility that pays property taxes.

Chair Barfoot noted that the current fee structure has been in place since 2013.

Inquiry was made as to the municipal costs associated with inspections and administration of issuing a permit.

TAPS76-15 Moved by: Warden Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT utility providers that pay property tax on their respective in-ground infrastructure to the County be exempt from encroachment permit fees.

Carried

Ed Voogt – Engine Brake Signs in Singhampton

Ed Voogt addressed the Committee on the lack of engine brake signage in Singhampton and requested the Committee to reconsider the restriction of engine brake signage in the community.

Mr. Voogt noted that the Ministry of Transportation has indicated that engine brakes are not a requirement on trucks, however are a safety feature and are to be used when going downhill.

Mr. Voogt presented a petition from residents in Singhampton, requesting that signage be installed. Further, Mr. Voogt requested that a reduction in the speed limit on County Road 124 from Grey Road 4 be considered.

Michael Kelly noted that engine brake signage is not enforceable; however, discussions have taken place with MAQ/St. Mary's Cement to reduce engine brake usage in the residential area.

It was noted that engine brakes are highly effective in bringing trucks to a stop and are a safety feature.

TAPS77-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Warden Eccles

THAT staff be requested to bring forth a report that examines courtesy signage which requests drivers to refrain from the use of engine brakes for presentation to Committee.

Carried

Reports – Transportation Services

TR-TAPS-49-15 Wayfinding Sign Tab Agreement with Blue Mountain Resorts

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above-noted report. Staff are recommending that an agreement be executed regarding the installation of wayfinding signage.

It was noted that the signage is established.

TAPS78-15 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

WHEREAS wayfinding signs providing information to Blue Mountain Resorts' visitors were installed on Grey Road 19 a number of years ago;

AND WHEREAS Blue Mountain Resorts was given permission to install tabs on these signs providing information and directions to annual events;

AND WHEREAS the County requires third parties to sign an agreement when completing work on the County right-of-way to ensure that the applicable work is completed in a manner suitable to the County and has regard for safety, sign specifications and other conditions as required;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-49-15 regarding an agreement between the Blue Mountain Resorts and Grey County for the installation of wayfinding sign tabs be received;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement between Grey County and the Blue Mountain Resorts to install way finding signs.

Carried

Other Business

Grey Road 119/19 Roundabout Maintenance

The Committee discussed the resolution regarding the maintenance of the roundabout on Grey Road 119/19, referred back to Committee by County Council on May 5, 2015. It was noted that Blue Mountain Resorts has interest in being involved in the solution as well.

TAPS79-15 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT the Directors of Transportation for Grey County, the Town of the Blue Mountains and Blue Mountain Resorts work together to come up with a maintenance-free solution for the issues at the Grey Road 119/19 roundabout.

Carried

Reports – Transportation (continued)

TR-TAPS-28-15 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulating Traffic and Parking within the County of Grey Roads System – Schedule “U” City of Owen Sound

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report. A request has been received from the City to implement a no parking zone on the west side of Grey Road 5 from south of the Jubilee Bridge to 6th Street East.

TAPS80-15 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

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 the City of Owen Sound has requested modifications to Schedule “U” No Parking Where Signs Posted to assist with the City’s operational requirements;

AND WHEREAS the request will not have a negative impact on the County Road system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-28-15 be received;

AND THAT By-Law 4788-13 Schedule “U” be amended as follows:

No Parking Where Signs Posted

Grey Road No.	Side of Road	From	To
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Grey Road No.	Side of Road	From	To
5 (2 nd Ave. E., Owen Sound)	East side Both sides	The intersection of 6th Street East	The entrance to Harrison Park
5 (2nd Ave East, Owen Sound)	Both sides	The south side of Jubilee Bridge	The entrance to Harrison Park

Carried

TR-TAPS-40-15 Winter Sand Award

Michael Kelly addressed the above-noted report, recommending the awards for winter sand. Staff anticipate making up the shortfall in the budget.

TAPS81-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Warden Eccles

WHEREAS the 2015/2016 allotment for mixed winter sand, within the winter control budget, was estimated to be \$350,000 (\$230,000.00 screened sand plus \$120,000.00 treated salt) to supply, deliver, treat/mix and stockpile for six dome locations;

AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-36-15 was issued on April 2, 2015 and closed on April 21, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-40-15, being a report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-36-15, for the supply, delivery, treat/mix and stockpile of winter sand be received;

AND THAT the tender for the supply, delivery, treat/mix and stockpiling of winter sand be awarded to the following bidder(s), based on the sand meeting the specifications identified within the contract, for a total cost of \$249,791.18 excluding HST. :

Locations	Awarded Bidder	Total (excl. HST)
Chatsworth	Harold Sutherland Construction	\$38,304
Flesherton	Harold Sutherland Construction	\$29,925
Dundalk	Harold Sutherland Construction	\$21,552
Ayton	Cedarwell Excavating	\$59,125
Clarksburg	Wayne Schwartz Construction	\$83,670.89

Locations	Awarded Bidder	Total (excl. HST)
Kimberley	Wayne Schwartz Construction	\$17,214.29

Carried

TR-TAPS-46-15 Kimberley Speed Limit Signs – Left Side of Road

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report, requested by the Committee at a prior meeting.

It was noted that typically speed limit signs are not posted on the left-hand side in accordance with the Ontario Traffic Manual unless there are issues with placing the signs on the right-hand side. Staff recognize that residents of the Kimberley community are hopeful these modifications will reduce speeding.

Inquiry was made as to whether a traffic calming pilot could be implemented.

Staff noted that there is not currently a policy in place regarding traffic calming devices. If the Committee wishes to pursue a pilot, staff could implement a program.

TAPS82-15 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

WHEREAS at the March 19, 2015 the following resolution was passed by the Transportation and Public Safety Committee:

WHEREAS new information has come forward since the January 22, 2015 Transportation and Public safety Committee meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to prepare a report considering the placement of a 50 km per hour maximum sign on both sides of the road to form a signage gateway into the community of Kimberley and other communities within community safety zones in Grey County, in conjunction with the direction provided at the January 22, 2015 meeting on this matter regarding placement of signage in Kimberley;

AND WHEREAS road signage should be consistently installed for safety reasons;

AND WHEREAS it is not recommended to install road regulatory or warning signs on the left side of the road unless there is a unique alignment issue;

AND WHEREAS the Transportation Master Plan will be addressing Community Traffic;

AND WHEREAS The Transportation Services Department will be assessing the speed limit issues in the Community of Kimberley;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-46-15 regarding the installation of speed limit signs on the left side of Grey Road 13 in Kimberley be received;

AND THAT signing modifications in the community of Kimberley not be made until direction is provided by County Council regarding Community Traffic as identified in the Transportation Master Plan, and a complete strategy for Grey Road 13 through the community of Kimberley has been determined by the Transportation Services Department.

Carried

TAPS83-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor McKean

THAT staff be directed to implement a traffic calming pilot project within the community of Kimberley that would include painted transverse stripes on the roadways.

Carried

TR-TAPS-50-15 RFT-TS-29-15 Grey Road 31 Reconstruction Award

Michael Kelly presented the above-noted report regarding a tender award.

TAPS84-15 Moved by: Councillor McKean Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

WHEREAS the 2015 budget for the Grey Road 31 project is \$2,500,000 with the proposed work consisting of widening and reconstruction of 3.5 km of Grey Road 31/Simcoe Road 95 from Simcoe Road 124 to Simcoe Road 91;

AND WHEREAS the Grey County 2015 budget for its portion of the project is \$625,000;

AND WHEREAS the project is shared 25/25/50 between the County of Grey/County of Simcoe/St. Mary's Cement Inc. respectively, with the exception of centre line culvert costs and engineering (design and contract administration) costs, which are being paid exclusively by St. Mary's Cement Inc.;

AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-29-15 for Grey Road Reconstruction was issued on Friday April 10, 2015 and closed on Tuesday May 5, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-50-15 being a report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-29-15 be received;

AND THAT RFT-TS-29-15 be awarded to Arnill Construction Limited for a bid price of \$1,912,095.20, excluding HST;

AND THAT with a ten percent contingency of \$194,574.79 (net HST), \$239,681.40 hydro relocation and a \$30,000 tree cutting contract, the estimated cost of this project (excluding engineering fees to be paid by St. Mary's Cement Inc.) is expected to be \$2,410,004.17 net HST;

AND THAT Grey County's share of this cost is \$595,774.22, which is \$29,225.78 under the budget of \$625,000.

Carried

TR-TAPS-47-15 Advertising Sign Permit Procedure Delegation

Michael Kelly presented the above-noted report as a result of a delegation at a prior meeting. Mr. Kelly provided rationale on the current procedure and recommended that no changes be made at this time.

TAPS85-15 Moved by: Councillor Fosbrooke Seconded by: Councillor McKean

WHEREAS at the April 23, 2015 meeting, a public presentation was made to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee requesting amendments to the Grey County Advertising Sign Permit Procedure regarding the set back and tastefulness assessment of the signs;

AND WHEREAS a three metre set back from the property line is recommended to allow the advertisement signs to be constructed and maintained on private property;

AND WHEREAS the all signage should be reviewed to ensure the sign is not offensive or illegal before it is installed;

AND WHEREAS the permit applicant may appeal any decision made by staff to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-47-15 regarding the request to make modifications to the Grey County Advertising Sign Permit Procedure installation be received;

AND THAT the existing procedure is reasonable and no changes be made at this time;

AND THAT the delegation that made the presentation and request be advised of this resolution and the associated rationale.

Carried

TR-TAPS-48-15 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulating Traffic and Parking Within the County of Grey Roads System – Schedule “N” Rates of Speed

Michael Kelly presented the above report. Staff wish to update the by-law to reflect the proper locations of the signage as a housekeeping matter.

TAPS86-15 Moved by: Councillor Paterson Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

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 Transportation Services staff compared the information in Schedule “N” Rates of Speed with the speed limit signs in the field and observed several discrepancies throughout the County;

AND WHEREAS the Schedule “N” Rates of Speed and the signs in the field must be consistent to be enforceable;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-48-15 regarding discrepancies between Schedule “N” Rates of Speed and the signs in the field be received;

AND THAT Schedule “N” Rates of Speed of By-law 4788-13 be amended as follows to reflect the actual field signage:

Grey Road No.	From	To	Rate of Speed
2	A point 150 metres north of the intersection of Grey Road 49 119	A point 650 metres south of the intersection of Grey Road 49 119	50 kilometres per hour
2	A point 250 metres south of the intersection of Grey Road 2 and 8th Concession B	A point 300 metres north of the intersection of Grey Road 2 and 8th Concession A	50 kilometres per hour
3	The intersection of Grey Road 3 and Grey Road 16 (Keady)	A point 212 metres south of the intersection	50 kilometres per hour
3	The intersection of Grey Road 3 and Grey Road 16 (Keady)	A point 219 metres north of the intersection	50 kilometres per hour
4	The Intersection of Grey Road No. 2 and Grey Road No. 4 (Maxwell)	A point 500 600 metres west of the intersection	50 kilometres per hour
4	A point 500 600 metres west of the intersection of Grey Road No. 2 and Grey Road No. 4 (Maxwell)	To a point 900 metres west of the intersection	70 kilometres per hour
9	A point 100 metres west of the intersection of Grey Road 9 and King's Highway 10	A point 100 metres west of the intersection of Grey Road 9 and Ida Street (Dundalk)	50 kilometres per hour
9	A point 200 metres east of the intersection of Grey Road 9, Road 63 and South Line C	A point 200 metres south of the intersection of Grey Road 9, Road 63 and South Line C	50 kilometres per hour
12	The intersection of King's Highway 26 and Grey Road 12	A point 200 metres east of the intersection of Grey Road 12 and 7th Line	50 kilometres per hour
12	The intersection of King's Highway 10 and Grey Road 12	A point 250 metres east of the intersection of Grey Road 12 and Lawler Street (Markdale)	50 kilometres per hour
12	The intersection of King's Highway 10 and Grey Road 12	A point 120 metres east of the intersection of Grey Road 12 and Ford's Drive (Markdale)	50 kilometres per hour
13	A point 800 metres north of the intersection of Grey	The intersection of Grey Road 13 and Alice Street	50 kilometres

Grey Road No.	From	To	Rate of Speed
	Road 13 and Grey Road 40	East and West (Thornbury)	per hour
16	The intersection of Grey Road 16 and Grey Road 3 (Keady)	A point 468 metres east of the intersection	50 kilometres per hour
16	The intersection of Grey Road 16 and Grey Road 3 (Keady)	A point 352 metres west of the intersection	50 kilometres per hour
29	A point 100 metres northwest of the intersection of Grey Road 29 and Deviation Road	A point 400 metres east of the intersection of Grey Road 29 and Concession 11	50 kilometres per hour
40	The intersection of Grey Road 40 and Concession 8 (Desboro)	A point 1044 metres north of the intersection	50 kilometres per hour
40	The intersection of Grey Road 40 and Concession 8 (Desboro)	A point 127 metres west of the intersection	50 kilometres per hour
113	The intersection of Grey Road 113 and Grey Road 13	A point 100 metres south of the intersection of Grey Road 113 and Baring Street (Thornbury)	50 kilometres per hour
170	The intersection of Grey Road 170 and Kings Highway 6	A point 415 metres north of the intersection	50 kilometres per hour

Carried

Correspondence

Receive for Information

TAPS87-15 Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor McKean

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- Ministry of Transportation – Initiation of Preliminary Design of Highway 6/21 from .3 km west of Grey Road 18 to .2 km east of Alpha Street / 9th Avenue West Intersection
- Ministry of Transportation – Comments on Auditor General's Reports May 4, 2015
- Ministry of Energy – Hydro One Updates

Carried

Other Business

Concerns were expressed over the requirements of the special events policy.

Staff spoke to the need to protect the County, however understand the desire to simplify the process.

The importance of finding the appropriate balance was cited.

TAPS88-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT staff be requested to look at opportunities to streamline the special events policy.

Carried

Next Meeting Dates

Thursday, June 4th, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building

Thursday, June 18th, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 12:26 PM.

Alan Barfoot, Chair