

## Transportation and Public Safety Committee November 17, 2016 – 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 John Bell; Councillors Bob Pringle, Stewart Halliday, Sue Paterson, Harley Greenfield, Ian Boddy and Norm Jack; and Warden Alan Barfoot

Regrets: Councillor John McKean

### Staff

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

## Call to Order

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

## Adoption of the Agenda

*TAPS112-16* Moved by: Councillor Jack

Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

- 1. That the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated November 17, 2016 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated  
October 20, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on November 1, 2016.

## Reports – Financial

### FR-TAPS-38-16 Paramedic Services Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of September 30, 2016

Mike Muir presented the above noted report regarding a financial update and year end projection for the Paramedic Services department. Staff are anticipating a \$20,000 surplus at year end. The sources of the projected surplus were outlined.

Staff will bring a report forward in January with recommendations on how to treat the surplus or deficit.

*TAPS113-16* Moved by: Councillor Greenfield      Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

- 1. That the Transportation and Public Safety Committee receive Report FR-TAPS-38-16 regarding a Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of September 30, 2016 for the Paramedic Services Department.**

Carried

### TR-TAPS-51-16 Transportation Services Financial Update and Year-End Projection September 30, 2016

Pat Hoy addressed the Committee on the above report. Staff are projecting a year-end surplus of \$697,000 in the Transportation Services budget. Staff outlined the sources of the projected surplus.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding the overage on Supervision and Overhead. Staff noted that a large portion of this results from insurance claim expenses. The difficulty in projecting insurance related expenses was noted. Further discussion occurred on the County owned quarry on Grey Road 40. Staff noted that there is still material there and they are looking into best uses for the material.

Councillor Halliday requested that staff look at tree trimming at the lookout on Grey Road 13.

*TAPS114-16* Moved by: Councillor Boddy      Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

- 1. That Report TR-TAPS-51-16 regarding a Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of September 30, 2016 for the Transportation Services Department, be received for information.**

## Reports – Paramedic Services

### PSR-TAPS-11-16 Grey Bruce Paramedic Services Shared Service Review Analysis

Mike Muir presented the above noted report regarding the joint Paramedic Services review with Bruce County. Mr. Muir outlined the context, peer review findings and responses to questions that stemmed from the review. The recommendation coming from the consultant's review is that Grey and Bruce Counties Paramedic Services continue to operate with their current organization structures.

Mr. Muir noted that Huron and Perth Counties participated in a similar exercise in 2015 and came to the same conclusion.

The cost per hour for Grey and Bruce Counties to provide paramedic services is \$150.00 per resident, which is consistent with the counties peers. Both counties operate on a lean administrative structure.

Mr. Muir then provided a collective agreement comparison.

The two counties already collaborate on multiple aspects of service delivery. Opportunities for further sharing of services were outlined.

*TAPS115-16* Moved by: Councillor Paterson      Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

- 1. That the attached report on the Grey Bruce Paramedic Service Shared Service Analysis be received for information purposes; and**
- 2. That staff bring forward a report with any opportunities for improvement as noted in the service analysis.**

Carried

## Reports – Transportation

### TR-TAPS-49-16 Engine Brakes Procedure

Pat Hoy presented the above noted report, regarding a proposed Engine Brake procedure. A number of requests are received by the County each year to install signage. It was noted that signage for Engine Brakes is not covered in the Ontario Traffic Manual. Staff noted that, in discussions with the insurer there are no liability issues with having the signage. They are found throughout the Province, however they are not enforceable. They act as a courtesy to residents for trucks coming into

residential areas.

Discussion occurred on the proposed procedure. Concerns were expressed over installing the signage and adding to sign pollution. It was noted that if drivers use the engine brakes, there is a reason for doing so and there is likely a risk of litigation if an accident occurs because a driver fails to use engine brakes. Committee noted that there is a need to have consistency through the County.

*TAPS116-16* Moved by: Councillor Halliday                      Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

- 1. That Report TR-TAPS-49-16 be received and the Engine Brake Sign Procedure be endorsed; and**
- 2. That staff begin to implement the criteria contained within the procedure.**

Warden Barfoot requested a recorded vote.

In favour: S.Halliday, N. Jack

Opposed: A. Barfoot, J. Bell, I. Boddy, H. Greenfield, S. Paterson, B. Pringle

The motion was Lost 6-2.

*TAPS117-16* Moved by: Councillor Halliday                      Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

- 1. That staff be directed to remove existing Engine Brake Signage on Grey County roads.**

Carried

## TR-TAPS-50-16 Hidden Entrance Sign Procedure

Pat Hoy presented the above noted report, recommending Grey County implement a Hidden Entrance Sign procedure to notify drivers of hidden entrances.

*TAPS118-16* Moved by: Councillor Halliday                      Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

- 1. That Report TR-TAPS-50-16 be received; and the Hidden Entrance Sign Procedure be endorsed; and**
- 2. That staff begin to implement the criteria contained within the procedure.**

Carried

## Other Business

## *Engine Brake Signage*

The engine brake matter was addressed in Report TR-TAPS-49-16 and the subsequent vote.

## Next Meeting Dates

**County Council – Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 AM.

John Bell, Chair