

Transportation and Public Safety Committee

March 17, 2016 – 10:00

Council Chambers, Grey County Administration Building

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of the Agenda

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Minutes of Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting dated February 18, 2016, adopted as presented by Grey County Council on March 1, 2016

[Transportation and Public Safety Committee Minutes dated February 18 2016](#)

5. Deputations

10:05 AM Ron Kerr, R.J. Burnside & Associates

Intersection Improvements - Highway 26/Grey Road 2 and
Highway 26/Grey Road 40

6. Reports – Clerk's

- a. CCR-TAPS-13-16 Streamlining Special Events Process

7. Reports – Paramedic Services

- a. PSR-TAPS-05-16 Grey County Public Access Defibrillation Program Update

8. Reports – Transportation Services

- a. TR-TAPS-22-16 RFT-TS-06-16 Grey Road 12 Pulverize and Hot Mix Paving Award
- b. TR-TAPS-24-16 RFT-TS-09-16 Grey Road 17 and Grey Road 170 Pulverize and Hot Mix Paving and Structure 170-010 Replacement Award
- c. TR-TAPS-25-16 Amendments to By-law 4788-13 Regulate Traffic and Parking within the County of Grey Roads System – Schedule “U” (Grey Road 3)

9. Closed Meeting Matters

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

- i. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001**

10. Correspondence

- a. Keep Our Road Open – Correspondence from Lorrie Gillis
- b. Grey County Road Conditions Near Bognor – John and Bev Tennant
- c. Hanover and District Hospital – Purchase of baby isolette
- d. Receive for Information
 - i. Friends of the Flesherton Love Committee – Thank you for EMS Coats

11. Other Business

12. Next Meeting Dates

- a. Thursday, April 7, 2016 (if required) at the Grey County Administration Building
- b. Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

13. Adjournment

From: [Nunno, Kathie](#)
To: [Warder, Tara](#)
Subject: FW: "Keep OUR Road Open" Update/February, 2016
Date: February-24-16 11:37:04 AM

Lorrie Gillis
Grey Highlands

To Grey County Warden Barfoot:

Please see a summary below of info from the meeting held on Sat. regarding the closure of former County Road 91.

Since the meeting, other questions have come forward such as:

Why does Walker disregard the safety of its drivers and insist on using 91 as a haul route when their license clearly states that 31 is also a permissible haul route?

If Walker isn't going to quarry the road, as they claim, they why is Walker going to another hearing, again opposing an NEC decision especially when they have an alternative haul route in their license?

Why does Clearview insist on opposing the NEC to the detriment of the safety of residents of Grey Highlands, to the detriment of the environment and at great cost to the tax payer?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Lorrie Gillis

----- Original Message -----

From: [Lorrie](#)
To: [Undisclosed-Recipient:](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2016 3:52 PM
Subject: 'Keep OUR Road Open' Update/February, 2016

IMPORTANT: Please see 'What can you do?' below information summary.

Information Summary:

The meeting on Saturday at Singhampton was well attended and the list of names on this email list continues to grow. Thank you Doug Dingeldein, Wendy Franks, George Powel and Paul McQueen for speaking to this issue.

There was review of how we got to this point with the proposal for County Road 91 to be sold to Walker Quarry while putting Rd. 26/27 up as a substitute, causing further damage to the Niagara escarpment without proper assessment or public consultation during an OMB hearing in 2010-12. There is question as to the legality of selling off public property to a corporation, nothing in writing regarding the return of the road at the end of the quarry's existence and no promise the road itself will not be mined.

Current traffic studies show increased traffic, with County Road 124 between Maple Valley and Singhampton being the third busiest road in Grey County. Emergency road closure (snow, accident, fire, etc.) of 124 leaves no reasonable alternative for traffic to use as a bypass. Emergency services would be compromised for over 300 families in Grey Highlands should 91 be closed. Intersections available as

alternative routes would become dangerous to navigate.

Upgrades to Road 26/27 will be difficult from an engineering point of view and would be destructive to the immediate area's diverse fauna, flora and the stability of the escarpment face. Increased runoff will negatively impact very important fish breeding streams in the immediate area and beyond.

Road 91 is essential for travel to work, emergency response, tourism and business. The Niagara Escarpment Commission has denied approval to upgrade 26/27 by a vote of 12 - 1. Clearview, Walker Industries and a few individuals have appealed this decision to the Environmental Review Tribunal.

Most residents of Grey Highlands and Clearview in the area want Road 91, a well established major east/west corridor, to remain open.

Closing Road 91 is not necessary for the operation of the new quarry although Walker Industries is not permitted to ship any aggregate from its new quarry until the Road 91 situation is resolved.

Clearview, Walker Industries, the community and other stakeholders need to come together to find a solution that is in the interests of the whole community. You can help encourage a resolution.

What can you do?

1. This is a big one. Attend and/or speak at the Pre-hearing conference to be held Friday, March 11, 10:00am at Township of Clearview Administrative Building, 217 Gideon St., Stayner.

"If you intend on participating as a Presenter, Participant or Party during the in-person Pre-hearing Conference and throughout the Hearing process, please contact the Niagara Escarpment Hearing Office by telephone at 416-314-4712 or by email at ERTTribunalSecretary@ontario.ca "

Please consider speaking at this session with whatever particular concerns you hold. One does not need to be a professional or an expert to speak at this. You are able to back out at any time before or after this session if you wish. It would be exceptional to see every one of you; your spouse, neighbours, children, aunts, uncles and grandparents trying to fit into the Clearview Admin Building on March 11th.

2. Write to Clearview Township, Simcoe County, Municipality of Grey Highlands, Grey County and Niagara Escarpment with your concerns. Please make sure you tell them to include your letter on the agenda as correspondence and that you expect a timely reply to your concerns. Stating that you expect a timely reply could be important in giving your written concern legal standing, should that become necessary.

Clerk for Simcoe County: info@simcoe.ca

Clerk for Clearview Township: bfalls@clearview.ca

Clerk for Grey Highlands: robertsond@greyhighlands.ca

Clerk for Grey County: Sharon Vokes: sharon.vokes@grey.ca

Niagara Escarpment Commission: judy.rhodes-munk@ontario.ca

3. Do you have a knack for writing letters? Send a Letter to the Editor stating concerns. It raises awareness of the situation, puts elected officials forward for accountability and keeps the heat up on this issue. Put your name, address and phone # on the top of your letter.

Creemore Echo: info@creemore.com

Grey-Bruce This Week: gbtw.news@sunmedia.ca

Sun Times: Owen Sound Sun Times: news@thesuntimes.ca

Collingwood Enterprise Bulletin: jt.mcveigh@sunmedia.ca

The Advance: dundalk.heraldnews@gmail.com

Simcoe.com: eengel@simcoe.com

Road Snow Conditions - Kudos and Darts

Last night was one of the biggest snowfalls we have seen in a very long time. March 1, 2016 definitely came in as a Lion (looking forward to the Lamb). We live near Walters Falls, the snow capital, high atop the Niagara Escarpment ... a beautiful part of God's Country. Although travelling in heavy snow or storm conditions is not advisable, my wife and I felt it was necessary because my Mother was in CCU with a heart attack. As we set out in the morning for Owen Sound, the roads were snow covered but visibility was good. We were concerned that no snow ploughs had been out, and driving was quite rutted, but we thought the ploughs would likely come along soon.

We are used to driving in poor conditions, by necessity. There was a time when the Grey County Roads Department was better than all the rest. During the past 30 years living in the Walters Falls snow capital, like it or not, we have travelled through many very abominable winter conditions. We always had faith that the County roads would probably be better maintained than the Provincial highways. In many cases, we would never have made it through except for the good County roads maintenance. Over the past few years that impeccable record has become tarnished. There has been a very noticeable decline in regular winter snow maintenance. On many occasions, we have driven on unsafe roads due to low frequency maintenance.

Last night, we could not make it home. Not because it was too stormy ... there was a steady snow, but visibility was good. Obviously, the County had not been on the roads all day. Accumulation was very high (I didn't measure but it had to be over 1 foot deep on the roads - well over the bumpers).

When we headed home around 9:00 pm, the Provincial highway was ploughed and driving conditions were fine. As we started homeward along County Road 18 (the Derry Line), conditions were noticeably deteriorated. The further along we travelled the worse it got. We were literally ploughing as we went, and our winter snow tires were not up to the task ... we wished we had a four wheel drive vehicle. We were in a precarious position, because turning around was not an option. We had to try to keep moving forward. We feared for our safety. Once we reached Bognor, we were no longer able to continue. We were marooned in the middle of the road unable to budge because of the deep snow.

The police were not even able to find out if the ploughs were coming or not. A police cruiser was also stranded trying to come to our aid. The County let us all down for no good reason. The ploughs should have been on the roads, and there would have been no problem because visibility was good despite the steady snow.

The County should consider itself negligent. They have ignored the public trust in favour of what ? Certainly the road budget must be in good shape with the record mild winter this year. Sure the snow was going to continue and require additional upkeep after ploughing, but is there a rule that you can't plough more than once per snowfall ... and only after everything has grinded to a halt ? What if there had been a fire, police or ambulance emergency ?! If the County deliberately ignored their duty to clear the roads (despite no apparent reason), then they should have closed the roads for travelling. Who is responsible for deciding or ignoring public safety ?

We don't know what other stranded drivers were able to do. We were fortunate that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from Owen Sound Towing was conveniently located to get to us from his home in Bognor. He was actually en route to assist several other stranded travellers, but became stranded himself. The snow was so deep with ice beneath that traction was impossible, even for the tow truck. Kudos to [REDACTED] for his perseverance to keep trying. We did make it part way, but had to turn around. [REDACTED] offered to let us stay at his place until help arrived. We knew that was not going to happen until the roads got ploughed.

Suddenly, at about 2:30 am, along came [REDACTED] in his four wheel drive vehicle. He lives in Bognor and was the only one able to make it through the deep snow. We had seen [REDACTED] previously helping other stranded drivers make it home. He offered to take us home and refused to accept any reward. A true Good Samaritan, [REDACTED] said "... that's what neighbours are for".

We do not blame the County roads crew for last night. Those guys do a great job and work through some very treacherous conditions to make roads safe for us to drive. We do blame the switch controllers ... the administrators who decide when the ploughs go out. They risk our lives with their budget based lack of proper road care.

The Marooners - John and Bev Tennant

Grey County Paramedic Services

Attn: Mike Muir (Director of Paramedic Services)
595 9th Avenue East,
Owen Sound, ON N4K 3E3
Email: mike.muir@grey.ca

March 1, 2016

Dear: Mike Muir

This correspondence is to clarify information received by my staff that that Hanover & District Hospital purchase a new baby isolette to accommodate the redesigned ambulances. We have been informed that the old isolette no longer fits in the ambulance. The Hospital has considered your request and is of the view that this expenditure is the responsibility of the County Ambulance Services and not the Hospital.

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As you are aware, the County has overall responsibility under the *Ambulance Act* and its regulations for ensuring the proper provision of land ambulance services in the County in accordance with the needs of persons in the catchment area. As part of discharging this responsibility, the County must ensure the supply of vehicles, equipment, services, information and any other thing necessary for the proper provision of land ambulance services in accordance with the Act and regulations. It is clear from the *Ambulance Act* that this would include the provision of a baby transport isolette.

We understand that some of the surrounding hospitals have purchased a baby isolette and the current practice is for ambulance services to borrow from neighboring communities as needed. If this practice is no longer sufficient to support the proper provision of local land ambulance services, this puts the land ambulance service at risk. Accordingly, should any loss occur due to sub-standard land transport because the appropriate isolette were not purchased, I believe it is the county that will be liable. We understand and regret any inconvenience or discomfort that this may place on your capital budget, however we truly cannot absorb paying for your capital as well as ours. Should you wish to discuss this further please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Yours truly,



Katrina Wilson, RN, BScN, MHS,
President & CEO

December, 2015

To the Friends of the Flesherton Love Committee

We wish to offer our sincere gratitude once again for the community support and generosity shown to the Flesherton Community Love Committee. We have had another successful year in providing food hampers, toys and gifts to families in need. We were able to help over 100 families including over 90 children and 50 teens.

We wish to acknowledge the Municipality of Grey Highlands, Grey Highlands Secondary School, and MacPhail Memorial Elementary School, as well as the many churches, community organizations, local businesses, numerous individuals and families who all worked with us to make this project a success.

On behalf of the many families and children that were helped this year, thank you for all of your generosity and willingness to help. Blessings always to you and yours this Christmas Season.

Joyfully and gratefully yours

Joan McGee

The Flesherton Community Love Committee

Joan McGee, Chairperson
Sarah Gordon, Secretary
Marian Doyle, Treasurer
Marion Grummett
Gwen Ietswaard
Donna Clarke
Wanda Davidson
Tom McGee
Dianne Shilvock
Pearl Warring

*The EMS coats were
donated to the food
bank in Flesherton.*

*The men very much
appreciated the donations.*

