



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee Minutes August 23, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

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

Present: Chair Alan Barfoot; Councillors, John Bell, Francis Richardson, Deborah Haswell, Paul McQueen, Bob White; and Warden McKinlay

Regrets: Councillors Ellen Anderson, Brian Milne and Bob Pringle

Staff

Present: Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Mike Muir, Director of EMS; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance and Roberta Baines, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

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

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated July 19, 2012.

This is for information only as these minutes have previously been approved by County Council.

Human Resources Update

There was none.

Reports – Financial

TR-TAPS-38-12 Transportation Financial Report

Mr. Kelly presented the above-noted report analyzing the financial statements to June 30, 2012 for the Transportation Services department.

Discussion commenced relating to street sweeping, pothole patching, supervision overhead and contributing to reserves. It was recommended that all under expenditures be allocated to the 2013 Transportation Services department reserves.

TAPS62-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee receive Report TR-TAPS-38-12 regarding a Budget to Actual overview to June 30, 2012 and a projection of actual to year end for Transportation Services Department.

Carried

FR-TAPS-31-12 EMS Financial Report

Ms. Spicer presented the above-noted report analyzing the financial statements to June 30, 2012 for the EMS department.

Discussion commenced.

TAPS63-12 Moved by: Councillor Richardson

Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee receive Report FR-TAPS-31-12 regarding a Budget to Actual overview to June 30, 2012 and a projection of actual to year end for the EMS Department.

Carried

Reports – EMS

EMSR-TAPS-09-12 Response Time Plan

Mr. Muir presented Report EMSR-TAPS-09-12 regarding Response Time Target Performance Plan to be submitted relating to the ambulance response time targets.

Discussion commenced relating to standards and rural versus urban response times.

TAPS64-12 Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

WHEREAS the County of Grey is required to submit a Response Time Target Performance Plan to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care related to ambulance response time targets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report EMSR-TAPS-09-12 be received;

AND THAT the 2013 Response Time Performance Plan outlined in the report be submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on or before October 1, 2012.

Carried

Other Business

Transportation Services Department Update

Mr. Kelly updated the Committee on activities regarding construction projects, maintenance work, the operational study progress and administration undertakings in the Transportation Services department.

Discussion commenced relating to collaboration with lower tiers. It is recognized that there are some significant advantages if all the municipalities' road departments work together. As a result of the February 15, 2012 Initiatives meeting with the lower tiers, three or four municipalities are interested in working together. Another meeting has been scheduled for October 5, 2012 and it is hoped that more municipalities will become actively involved.

Discussion commenced relating to the asset management status. Staff was directed to report back to Committee regarding the status of asset management in the Transportation Services department.

Criteria for Reducing Speed Limits in Areas

Mr. Kelly advised the Committee that there are a variety of factors that must be considered when determining a reasonable speed limit. Some of the items that should be considered include geometric alignment (curves and hills), width of lanes and shoulders, development density and setback, and drive comfort. It was identified that it is safer to have motorists travelling at a consistent speed.

Non Emergency Transfers update

Warden McKinlay updated the Committee regarding the delegation to the Minister of Health related to non emergency transfers. It was mentioned at the meeting that the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) has funding available that could assist with the transition period and would need to be approached to see if funding is available. The Ministry is also working on legislation to bring regulation to non ambulance service providers. The local hospital corporations have been notified of the County's involvement in the delegation and were forwarded the brief that was presented to the Minister of Health.

Next Meeting Date

September 20, 2012

On motion by Councillor White, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Alan Barfoot, Chair