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

Present: Chair Brian Milne; Councillors Bob Pringle, Alan Barfoot, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell and Kevin Eccles

Regrets: Warden Duncan McKinlay, Councillors Paul McQueen and Ellen Anderson,

Staff Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Muir, Director of Emergency Medical Services; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Milne called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Minutes of Meetings

Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated June 6, 2013

The Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes were reviewed.

TAPS70-13 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated June 6, 2013 be adopted as presented.
Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Deputations

_Carrick-Normanby Bridge Reconstruction_

Mr. William Goetz, Mayor of South Bruce, and Mr. Kevin Eccles, Mayor of West Grey addressed the Committee on the Carrick-Normanby bridge. The importance of replacing the bridge was cited, as the roadway is subject to frequent traffic, and the detour around the bridge is between eight and ten kilometres long.

Mr. Goetz noted that Bruce County Council has endorsed a resolution, stating that Bruce and Grey County advise the Municipalities of South Bruce and West Grey that Bruce County will consider reconstructing the Carrick-Normanby bridge, 30 metres of the approaches and road work under the following conditions:

- That South Bruce and West Grey shall be equally responsible for the road work beyond the 30 metre approaches
- That the work will be completed by way of contract by Bruce and Grey County in 2013/2014
- That the Municipalities of South Bruce and West Grey will assume the ownership of the bridge and 30 metres of approaches when the project is completed
- That an agreement shall be prepared with the signatures of the four parties

Mr. Goetz and Mr. Eccles addressed questions from the Committee on the priorities of bridge.

Michael Kelly updated the Committee on the status of the project, noting that the Geotechnical and Environmental Assessments have not been completed to date. Discussions have occurred regarding options for funding and possibilities for alignments, types of bridges, and costing. Staff have considered a variety of options considering alignment and types of structures, however it appears that the cost of the project will probably exceed $1,000,000.

Mr. Kelly cited that there is currently no priority list for bridges. Pre-engineering studies will be completed in order to determine the priority list.

Mr. Goetz thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak on the matter.

The remaining deputation regarding the entrance policy exemption request occurred
later in the meeting.

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-29-13 Carrick – Normanby Bridge

Michael Kelly addressed the above report, deferred from the meeting held May 23, 2013 and spoke to the details of the project and potential options for replacement.

The Committee discussed the estimated cost to replace the bridge, cost sharing opportunities and the Bridge’s priority level in relation to other bridges in the County.

The option for the lower tier municipalities to conduct the preliminary bridge work was proposed.

TAPS71-13 Moved by: Councillor White Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT County of Grey advise the Municipalities of South Bruce and West Grey that Grey County will consider reconstructing the Carrick-Normanby bridge, 30 metres of the approaches and road work under the following conditions:

- That the Municipalities of South Bruce and West Grey shall be equally responsible for the road work beyond the 30 metres of approaches;
- That the work will be completed by way of contract by the Counties of Bruce and Grey in 2013/2014;
- That the Municipalities of South Bruce and West Grey will assume the ownership of the bridge and 30 metres of approaches when the project is completed;
- An agreement shall be prepared with the signatures of the four parties.

Lost

TAPS72-13 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

THAT the engineering of the replacement of the Normanby – Carrick bridge (County Bridge No. 000077) be completed by the Municipalities of West Grey and South Bruce;

AND THAT once the engineering is completed, the Municipalities of West Grey and South Bruce present their preferred option to the Grey County Transportation and Public Safety Committee for consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT the Municipalities of South Bruce and West
Grey propose a cost sharing arrangement involving all parties for consideration by the Transportation and Public Safety Committee. 

Carried

The Committee briefly recessed then reconvened.

The remaining Transportation Services reports were considered later in the meeting.

Deputations - continued

Exemption from Entrance Permit Policy

Mr. Barry Simpson addressed the Committee, requesting an exemption from the Entrance Permit Policy’s limit of one entrance per residential property, located at 419108 Tom Thomson Lane (Part Lots 34 and 35, Broken Front Concession) in the Municipality of Meaford. Mr. Simpson familiarized the Committee with the location of the property, the proposed design of the building, the development envelope, the wetland area at the rear of the building envelope, and the options for the location of the driveway(s).

Mr. Simpson noted that if only one driveway was permitted at this lot, most of the trees along the front of the property would have to be removed and shielding from the road would be lost. The Grey Sauble Conservation Authority expressed concern with any building taking place within the wetland area, and consequently Mr. Simpson is unable to move the footprint from the proposed location. Further, the second driveway would only service the secondary garage area and be used infrequently.

The Committee discussed the merits, alternatives and issues with the request, including concern with setting a precedent.

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-42-13 Request for Two Residential Entrances – 419108 Tom Thomson Lane

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report. The County of Grey received a request from the owner of 419108 Tom Thomson Lane for an exemption to the entrance permit policy and procedure which states that all residential properties are only eligible for one entrance in order to maximize the capacity of the roadway, enhance safety and minimize future costs to the County.

Mr. Kelly spoke to the difficulties in granting exceptions to such requests. He noted that from a broad perspective, one additional entrance will not have an effect on the road network; however an accumulation of such exemptions could do so. Additionally, the importance of enforcing policies in a consistent manner was cited.
The Committee acknowledged the restrictions placed on the property owner by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority due to the wetland behind the building envelope and spoke to the need for flexibility.

TAPS73-13 Moved by: Councillor Haswell    Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS Mr. Barry Simpson has requested two (2) entrances to access his newly purchased property located on Grey Road 15, 419108 Tom Thomson Lane, Part Lots 34 and 35, Broken Front Concession Municipality of Meaford, formally Sydenham Township, to construct a residential unit with two (2) garages;

AND WHEREAS the Entrance Permit Policy prior to June 1, 2013 and the Entrance Permit Procedures since June 1, 2013, both identify that all residential properties are only eligible for one (1) entrance;

AND WHEREAS the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority’s recommended restrictions on the location of development on this property were known prior to the purchase;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-42-13 be received;

AND THAT Mr. Simpson’s request to be granted two (2) entrances to access Grey Road 15, 419108 Tom Thomson Lane, Part Lots 34 and 35, Broken Front Concession Municipality of Meaford, formally Sydenham Township, does not meet Grey County’s procedures and therefore is denied.

Lost

TAPS74-13 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot    Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

THAT Report TR-TAPS-42-13 regarding a request for a second residential entrance be received;

AND THAT the second residential entrance requested for 419108 Tom Thomson Lane be granted by the County of Grey due to the restrictions placed on the property by the Grey Sauble Conservation Authority.

Carried

TR-TAPS-24-13 Advertising Sign Permit Policy and Procedure

The Committee considered the above noted policy and procedure, deferred from the meeting held May 23, 2013. Michael Kelly indicated that he has since incorporated the changes into the revised policy as requested by the Committee based on discussions at
the last meeting.

Councillor Haswell left the meeting.

TAPS75-13 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 59 of the Municipal Act the County has authority to regulate the placement or erection of any sign, notice or advertising device within 400 m of any upper-tier highway;

AND WHEREAS the inappropriate placement of signs erected outside the County’s right-of-way can create a safety hazard to motorists;

AND WHEREAS Grey County recognizes the need to have advertisement signs placed adjacent to the County Road right-of-way to promote local businesses;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that the County provides permission for the placement of signs within 400 m of its right-of-way via an advertising sign permit;

AND WHEREAS it is essential all advertising sign permits are administered in a fair and consistent manner;

AND WHEREAS it is essential that applicants are aware of their obligations when placing an advertising sign within 400 m of a County Road right-of-way;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-24-13 be received;

AND THAT MS-TS-005 being the Advertising Sign Permit Policy and MS-TS-005-001 being the Advertising Sign Permit Procedure be approved and be implemented as of August 1, 2013;

AND THAT the following policies are rescinded as of August 1, 2013:

- ROADS 01-16-02-Regulating Advertising Signs within Certain Distance of a Grey County Highway - July, 2002
- Bed and Breakfast Signs- March 10, 1999

TR-TAPS-38-13 Clarksburg Vehicle Hoist

Carried
The Committee considered the above report, requesting Committee’s approval to purchase a new portable hoist for the Clarksburg Depot as well as floor modifications to accommodate the new hoist. The current hoist requires significant repairs. Staff believe it is most cost effective to purchase a new hoist with improved capacity and mobility, and make the required modifications to the floor. $65,000 is required to be transferred from the Housing and Depot Reserves in order to purchase the hoist and modify the floor.

Michael Kelly cited the need for the hoist, and addressed alternative options such as long term leasing. The advantages of the portable hoist were cited. Staff do not see the demand for this type of equipment decreasing in the future.

TAPS76-13 Moved by: Councillor White Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

WHEREAS the vehicle hoist at the Clarksburg Depot has malfunctioned and requires either replacement or repairs;

AND WHEREAS a hoist is essential to the operation of vehicle repairs;

AND WHEREAS Staff have considered the age of the existing hoist, the cost of the repairs and purchasing a new portable hoist, and have concluded that the purchase of a new portable hoist is the best alternative;

AND WHEREAS the cost to repair or replace the hoist was not included in the 2013 Transportation Services budget;

AND WHEREAS there are adequate funds in reserves to fund the purchase of a new portable hoist;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-38-13 be received;

AND THAT $65,000.00 from the Housing and Depot Reserves be utilized to purchase a new portable hoist for the Clarksburg Depot, complete with the required floor modifications to accommodate the portable hoist.

Carried

TR-TAPS-41-13 Traffic By-law – Skateboards / Longboards

Michael Kelly presented the above report regarding a proposed amendment to the Traffic By-law regulating skateboards and longboards. Staff are recommending that skateboard and longboard use be restricted on County roads except to cross a roadway in order to maintain the safety of all road users.
In 2009, the Owen Sound Provincial Offences Court dismissed charges of careless driving under the Highway Traffic Act against four people for longboarding on Grey Road 19. Amending the Traffic By-law to restrict longboard and skateboard use on Grey County roads would provide police with authority and discretion to charge those in contravention of the by-law.

**TAPS77-13 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield**

WHEREAS skateboard / longboard usage on Grey Roads is endangering the users and the other road users;

AND WHEREAS skateboards / longboards are not deemed vehicles under the Highway Traffic Act and therefore the police are unable to lay charges for unsafe usage of skateboards / longboards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-41-13 be received;

AND THAT Traffic By-Law 4788-13 be amended to restrict skateboard / longboard use on Grey Roads, except to directly cross the roadway.

Carried

**TR-TAPS-44-13 Addendum MAQ Haul Route Road and Improvement Agreement — Grey Road 31**

Michael Kelly presented the above report regarding an addendum to the haul route agreement between MAQ Aggregates, Simcoe County and Grey County further to the deputation from CBM Aggregates on May 23, 2013.

CBM Aggregates, being the operator of the Osprey Quarry, is requesting an addendum to the haul route agreement in order to permit the hauling of material prior to the required road reconstruction. The agreement stated that upgrades, including road widening, to Grey Road 31 from 35 metres south of Simcoe Road 91 to Grey Road 124 were required prior to any hauling taking place. The cost was to be divided between MAQ, and Simcoe and Grey Counties, however Simcoe County has been unable to acquire the land for the road widening to date.

Grey County solicitors have indicated that changing the agreement with MAQ will not affect the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing on the matter.

**TAPS78-13 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Councillor Eccles**

AND WHEREAS MAQ Aggregate Incorporated, Simcoe County and Grey County have executed an Aggregate Haul Route Road and Improvement Agreement regarding the proposed quarry located on Part of Lots 20 & 21, Concession A, in the Municipality of Grey
Highlands, adjacent to Grey Road 31;

AND WHEREAS the Operator (St Mary’s Cement and CBM Aggregate) of the quarry was proceeding to complete the required work as per the Agreement and it was discovered that Simcoe County had not secured the property as required in the Agreement to accommodate the work;

AND WHEREAS the operator has requested permission to haul limited amounts of quarried material in 2013 and 2014, until the property is secured and the construction completed;

AND WHEREAS the solicitors for Simcoe County and Grey County are of the opinion that an Addendum can be made to the Aggregate Haul Road and Improvement Agreement without impacting the Ontario Municipal Decision regarding the quarry property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-44-13 be received;

AND THAT Grey County Staff enter into discussions with MAQ Aggregate Incorporated and Simcoe County and to establish and execute an agreement to permit the haulage of material from the quarry based upon specific conditions.

Carried

TR-TAPS-45-13 Transportation Services 2014-2018 Draft Five Year Capital Forecast

Michael Kelly provided information on the above report, outlining details on the proposed projects and projected costs within the Transportation Services forecast. Pat Hoy presented additional information related to road projects and noted that the assumptions are made based on existing road networks.

Staff have attempted to identify the source of funding for each of the projects, providing clear information and improved planning.

The Committee considered the capital summary.

Councillor Haswell returned to the meeting.

Staff addressed questions and comments from the Committee regarding plans for specific road projects, timing of projects, and strategies for road maintenance.

TAPS79-13 Moved by: Councillor Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT Report TR-TAPS-45-13 regarding the draft Five Year Capital
**Forecast for 2014 to 2018 for Transportation Services Capital**

Budgets be received as amended and forwarded for inclusion in the corporate Five Year Capital Forecast for consideration by County Council.

Carried

The Committee recessed from 12:38 PM to 1:09 PM then reconvened.

**TR-TAPS-47-13 Entrance Permit Procedure Addendum**

Michael Kelly presented the above report regarding an addendum to the Entrance Permit procedure, approved on May 7, 2013. Mr. Kelly noted that the proposed amendments to the procedure add clarity on the number and spacing of entrances on municipal roads.

**TAPS80-13**  Moved by: Councillor Pringle  Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS the Corporate Procedure for Entrance Permit as per TR-TAPS-27-13 was approved by County Council on May 7, 2013;

AND WHEREAS additional clarification regarding the number and spacing of entrances on municipal roads would be beneficial in the administration of the procedure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-47-13 be received;

AND THAT the following be added to the Entrance Permit Procedure, MS-TS-001-001:

2.5.6 One (1) field entrance will be permitted if the land is zoned agriculture, there is at least 300 m of frontage and the field entrance is placed at least 150 m away from all other entrances.

2.5.7 Two (2) field entrances will be permitted if the land is zoned agricultural, there is at least 300 m of frontage, the fields are physically separated (residential entrance in the middle) and the field’s entrance is placed at least 150 m away from all other entrances.

2.5.8 Motels or hotels with at least ten (10) units may have two (2) entrances, provided they are separated by at least 25 m.

2.5.9 Gas stations are eligible for two (2) entrances.

2.5.10 Commercial properties may apply for a second entrance, based on unique circumstances.
2.5.11 The total number of entrances per side of road shall not exceed six (6) per kilometre, not including municipal intersecting roads.

2.5.12 The distance between municipal intersecting roads shall be at least 400 m.

Carried

TR-TAPS-46-13 Housing and Depot 2013 Budget – Chatsworth Dome

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report requesting the Committee’s approval to reallocate previously approved funds from the Dundalk Sand Dome repair in the amount of $50,000 to repair the Chatsworth Dome. An additional $65,000 is also required to be transferred from the Housing Reserve in order to fund the repairs.

TAPS81-13 Moved by: Councillor White Seconded by: Councillor Eccles

WHEREAS a structural engineer has completed a report on the Grey County sand domes;

AND WHEREAS the report has identified that work with an estimated value of $115,000.00 is required in 2013, to repair the Chatsworth Sand Dome;

AND WHEREAS according to Resolution TAPS35-13 approval was provided to spend $50,000.00 to re-shingle the Dundalk Sand Dome;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-46-13 be received;

AND THAT $115,000.00 be allocated to complete the repairs to the Chatsworth Sand Dome;

AND THAT the $50,000.00 approved expenditure to the Dundalk Sand Dome be re-allocated to the Chatsworth Sand Dome and the additional $65,000.00 be transferred from the Housing Reserve.

Carried

Correspondence

Ministry of Consumer Services dated June 3, 2013 – ON1Call One Call to Dig System, Stantec dated June 12, 2013 Highway 21 Alvanley Project Update on Proposed Improvements to the Intersection of Highway 21 and Grey Bruce Line

Michael Kelly updated the Committee on the status of the Alvanley intersection roundabout. The proposed drawings have been received by County staff. The
Committee has also requested a delegation at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference on the matter.

Staff will inform Stantec and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario if there are concerns with the proposal.

TAPS82-13  Moved by: Councillor Haswell  Seconded by: Councillor Barfoot

THAT the correspondence received from the Ministry of Consumer Services dated June 3, 2013 respecting the ON1Call One Call to Dig System, and the correspondence received from Stantec dated June 12, 2013 regarding an update on proposed improvements to the intersection of Highway 21 and the Grey Bruce Line in Alvanley be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

Emergency Medical Services Update

Mike Muir provided an update to the Committee on non-emergency patient transfers, noting that Emergency Medical Services staff will still provide the service if requested, as the capacity to do so still exists.

Transportation Services Update

Michael Kelly updated the Committee on signage replacement within the County, noting that conformity across the County is the goal.

Mr. Kelly stated that a meeting will be held on June 26 with lower tier staff to solicit feedback on the draft road use agreement for wind turbines as prepared by Mr. Kelly. The Committee discussed the importance of including a requirement within the agreement for buried cables to be encased in concrete.

Next Meeting Dates

July 18, 2013 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM

Brian Milne, Chair