



# Committee Minutes

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## Transportation and Public Safety Committee

March 20, 2014 – 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 Alan Barfoot; Councillors Bob Pringle, Wayne Fitzgerald, Bob White, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell, Duncan McKinlay and John Bell; and Warden Brian Milne

### Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning; Pat Hoy, Engineering Manager; Sharon Melville, Buyer; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Erroll Treslan was also in attendance for the portion of the meeting regarding the Harold Sutherland Construction Haul Route Agreement.

## Call to Order

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

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared at this time, however Councillor Bell declared a conflict of interest with respect to the closed meeting matter regarding Confidential Report TR-TAPS-29-14.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

*Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated February 20,*

*2014*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council as amended on March 4, 2014.

## Deputations

### *Ron Kerr, RJ Burnside and Associates – Intersection Improvements*

Ron Kerr attended the meeting to provide the Committee with the information that will be presented at the Public Information Centre on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for intersection improvements at Highway 26 and Grey Road 2 as well as Highway 26 and Grey Road 40. The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, the Town of the Blue Mountains and the County of Grey are undertaking a joint venture for an Environmental Assessment to consider potential modifications to these areas. R.J. Burnside and Associates has been retained to undertake the Environmental Assessments.

Mr. Kerr began by outlining the study area, being the Clark Street, Lake Shore Road and the Grey Road 2 area on Highway 26 in Thornbury. Mr. Kerr noted that there is a higher level of collisions on the Highway 26 corridor and these collisions tend to be intersection related. Further, projected increases in transportation demands, safety issues, access to Highway 26 and sightline deficiencies warrant changes to the subject intersections.

Mr. Kerr outlined the possible solutions to the issues, including installing signalization or constructing either a four or five leg roundabout at the intersection. It is recommended that the Georgian Trail be realigned so that it runs parallel to the highway on the south side and crosses at a signalized crossing intersecting the highway.

Mr. Kerr noted that the preferred options are the installation of signalization or a four leg roundabout. Either of the preferred options would require additional turning lanes, the realignment of Lakeshore Road and Clark Street, as well as the Georgian Trail. A five leg roundabout is not supported by the Ministry of Transportation as it does not reduce the number of intersections along the highway.

Mr. Kerr then proceeded to address the Committee on the Highway 26 and Grey Road 40 intersection improvements. The issues at stake include traffic congestion, access management and safety issues, sight distance deficiency, turning movement safety and an historically higher than average collision rate along the Highway 26 corridor.

Mr. Kerr noted that traffic control signals or a roundabout at Grey Road 40 and Highway 26 are not warranted now but may be required in the future. It is however,

recommended that additional turning lanes be constructed at Lakewood Drive, additional through lanes be constructed at Grey Road 40 and Lakewood Drive, or that certain intersections be realigned or closed. The preferred alternative solution is to move forward with three intersection closures and construct a new road connection between Georgian Glen and Woodland Park Road, allowing Woodland Park Road users to access Grey Road 40 and the highway. Further, Highway 26 and Grey Road 40 would be signaled in the future when the need arises, however having a stop sign controlled intersection is projected to be sufficient for the next ten years.

*Harold Sutherland, Harold Sutherland Construction – Haul Route*

*Agreement for the Keppel Quarry Expansion*

Chair Barfoot noted that an agreement has not yet been reached by all parties on the above item. Mr. Bruce Flowers was in attendance to address the Committee on behalf of Harold Sutherland Construction Limited (HSCL).

Mr. Flowers noted that the existing quarry has been operating since 1989 and was approved to extract up to 400,000 tonnes of material per year. Mr. Flowers indicated that HSCL donated a portion of land and constructed at its cost, a portion of Grey Road 17 when it was a trucking road to the south to Grey Road 17B in order to mitigate issues of congestion along the roadway associated with the quarry.

Mr. Flowers identified that HSCL received a letter from the County in 2006 indicating that all requirements have been met on the quarry application, and HSCL is concerned that the County is imposing additional requirements on HSCL at this time.

Mr. Flowers indicated that they view the new licence for the Keppel Quarry as a continuation of the existing quarry and believe the road assessment study should not consider it to be a new application. He further indicated that HSCL should only be responsible for the upgrades beyond the extraction figure of 400,000 tonnes per year, being 200,000 tonnes, because the road was constructed to accommodate 400,000 tonnes of extraction per year.

Mr. Flowers also spoke to the use of Grey Road 17 as a transportation route which HSCL has committed resources to, and noted the responsibility of the County to maintain the road to a level that is up to standard.

Mr. Flowers indicated that HSCL would be agreeable to dividing the cost of the Road Assessment Study. Further, HSCL would be agreeable to making \$100,000 worth of product available for upgrades when needed by the County.

Discussion occurred on legacy and heritage pits and quarries and specific examples of

quarries which received such a designation were discussed. Concern was expressed by HSCL that other operators were provided relief, but HSCL has not been given this consideration.

The Committee recessed briefly then reconvened.

## Reports – Transportation

### *TR-TAPS-28-14 Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd. Keppel Quarry*

#### *Agreement*

Michael Kelly noted that attempts were made to come to an agreement between the County and HSCL.

The Keppel Quarry expansion is slated for 14.1 million tonnes of new extraction material which translates to about 470,000 loaded trucks. Condition 14 of the Niagara Escarpment Commission's permit requires that an agreement be executed to address the tunnel under Grey Road 17, the quarry entrances and upgrades to the road.

Mr. Kelly and Erroll Treslan noted that the outstanding issue is where responsibility lies for the cost of upgrades. Both parties agree that a road assessment needs to be completed. From the County's perspective, the quarry is considered to be a new quarry and HSCL should be responsible for the reduced lifespan of the road from truck traffic as it currently exists as determined by the road assessment study. HSCL's perspective is that the road assessment study should consider the fact that the road was built to serve extraction levels of 400,000 tonnes per year, and that HSCL should only be responsible for the material transported in excess of 400,000 tonnes per year.

Mr. Treslan noted that the County is not asking HSCL to be responsible for the costs of upgrades related to the existing operation. It is possible that the parties will disagree on what the costs of the upgrades are.

The Committee inquired as to whether all new pits are subject to a road assessment study. Randy Scherzer noted that each application is reviewed based on its individual merits and the information known about the road in order to determine whether an application will impact the road.

The Committee discussed designing the road assessment study so that HSCL is required to pay for the costs of upgrades from truck traffic which exceed the ten year hauling average from 2003 to 2013. Mr. Treslan noted that it is possible that HSCL would pay \$0 if this option was adopted.

**CC49-14 Grey County Council Amended Resolution TAPS39-14 2) to change 2003 – 2013 to 2001 - 2011**

TAPS39-14 Moved by: Councillor McKinlay      Seconded by: Councillor Bell

**WHEREAS Harold Sutherland Construction Ltd. (HSCL) has applied for an aggregate license for an expansion of the Keppel Quarry;**

**AND WHEREAS Condition 14 of the Niagara Escarpment Development Control Permit as approved by the Niagara Escarpment Hearing Officer indicates that prior to the issuance of a Development Permit, HSCL shall enter into an agreement with the County of Grey with regards to any required upgrades to Grey Road 17, the new quarry entrance on the west side of Grey Road 17 and turning lane, road maintenance and the tunnel under Grey Road 17;**

**AND WHEREAS while technically this is a new application, in reality this is a continuation and expansion of the existing HSCL quarry operation;**

**AND WHEREAS HSCL has historically contributed to the construction and maintenance of certain haul routes serving the newly depleted quarry;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to prepare an agreement with HSCL based on the following:**

- 1) That an equally cost shared road assessment study (50/50) be conducted**
- 2) That an additional term of reference be added to the road assessment which apportions the cost attributable to the newly licensed operation between: (a) a flow of traffic for the newly licensed operation equal to the historical flow of traffic for the existing operation between 2001 - 2011 ~~2003–2013~~; and (b) the traffic for the newly licensed operation exceeding the historical flow of traffic for the existing operation**
- 3) The developer shall only be responsible for the upgrade costs described in sub paragraph 2(b) above.**

Carried

*TR-TAPS-20-14 Award of RFT-TS-04-14 Grey Roads 9 and 16 Pulverizing and Hot Mix Paving*

Pat Hoy presented the above report. Staff are recommending that Schedules A and B of the above report be awarded to E.C. King Contracting and the Murray Group respectively.

TAPS40-14 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

**WHEREAS the 2014 budget for Grey Road 16 Pulverize and Pave Rehabilitation was \$730,584, which consists of design, tendering, construction, inspection and quality assurance;**

**AND WHEREAS the 2014 budget for Grey Road 9 Pulverize and Pave Rehabilitation was \$347,875, which consists of design, tendering, construction, inspection and quality assurance;**

**AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-04-14 for Grey Roads 9 and 16 Pulverizing and Hot Mix Paving was issued on Friday, January 24, 2014 and closed on Thursday, February 13, 2014;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-20-14, being a report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-04-14, be received;**

**AND THAT Schedule A of RFT-TS-04-14 be awarded to E.C. King Contracting, for a bid price of \$533,943 excluding HST;**

**AND THAT Schedule B of RFT-TS-04-14 be awarded to The Murray Group Limited, for a bid price of \$344,700.94 excluding HST;**

**AND THAT 10% contingency and 5% contract administration and quality assurance, be added to the total project expenditure for a revised project cost to the County of Grey of \$624,800 for Schedule A and \$403,400 for Schedule B, net HST;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Schedule B shortfall be funded from Schedule A surplus funds.**

Carried

*TR-TAPS-22-14 RFT-TS-05-14 Grey Roads 3 and 9 Hot Mix Paving Award*

Pat Hoy presented the above report, recommending that Schedule A and B of the above tender be awarded to E.C. King Contracting and the Murray Group respectively.

TAPS41-14 Moved by: Councillor Haswell

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**WHEREAS the 2014 budget for the Grey Road 3 Hot Mix Paving project was \$876,120, which consists of design, tendering, construction, inspection and quality assurance;**

**AND WHEREAS the 2014 budget for the Grey Road 9 Hot Mix Paving project was \$518,952, which consists of design, tendering, construction, inspection and quality assurance;**

**AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-05-14 for Grey Roads 3 and 9 Hot Mix Paving was issued on Friday, January 24, 2014 and closed on Thursday, February 13, 2014;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-22-14, being a report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-05-14, be received;**

**AND THAT Schedule A of RFT-TS-05-14 for Grey Road 3 be awarded to E.C. King Contracting, for a total cost of \$695,765.10 excluding HST;**

**AND THAT Schedule B of RFT-TS-05-14 for Grey Road 9 be awarded to The Murray Group Limited, for a total cost of \$474,615.44, excluding HST.**

**AND THAT 10% contingency and 5% contract administration and quality assurance, be added to the total project expenditure for a revised project cost to the County of Grey of \$814,200 for Schedule A and \$555,500 for Schedule B HST included;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Schedule B shortfall (\$36,500) shall be funded from the Schedule A surplus (\$61,900) funds.**

Carried

*TR-TAPS-23-14 Award of RFT-TS-06-14 Grey Roads 13, 14, 40 and 109  
Microsurfacing*

Pat Hoy presented the subject report, recommending the above tender be awarded to MSO Construction.

TAPS42-14 Moved by: Warden Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

**WHEREAS the 2014 budget for Grey Roads 13, 14, 40 and 109 microsurfacing is \$571,918, which consists of design, tendering, construction, inspection and quality assurance;**

**AND WHEREAS RFT-TS-06-14 for Grey Roads 13, 14, 40 and 109 microsurfacing was issued on Friday, January 24, 2014 and closed on Thursday, February 13, 2014;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TR-TAPS-23-14, being a report containing the tender results for RFT-TS-06-14, be received;**

**AND THAT the tender RFT-TS-06-14 for microsurfacing Grey Roads 13, 14, 40 and 109 be awarded to MSO Construction Limited, for a total cost of \$485,257.26, excluding HST;**

**AND FURTHER THAT 10% contingency and 5% contract administration and quality assurance, be added to the total project expenditure for a revised project cost to the County of Grey of \$ 567,900, net HST.**

Carried

*TR-TAPS-25-14 Sale of Property – Durham Patrol Yard – TDL Group Ltd.*

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report, noting that Tim Hortons / TDL wish to purchase a section of the Durham patrol yard for \$68,000. All procedures have been adhered to and the final requirement is County Council approval.

*TAPS43-14* Moved by: Councillor Greenfield      Seconded by: Councillor White

**WHEREAS the County of Grey is the legal owner of the lands located at 183 South Street East in the Municipality of West Grey (former geographic town of Durham), which has been utilized as the Durham Patrol yard;**

**AND WHEREAS through the adoption of Resolution TAPS19-12 the County has concluded that a portion of the said lands are not required for County purposes;**

**AND WHEREAS through the adoption of Resolution TAPS19-12 authority was provided to proceed with selling a portion of the land at 183 South Street East to the TDL Group Ltd;**

**AND WHEREAS the Sale of Land Procedure has been adhered to, including notification to the public;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-25-14 be received;**

**AND THAT a portion of the Durham Patrol Yard located at 183 South Street in the Municipality of West Grey (former geographic town of Durham) be sold to The TDL Group Ltd. for \$68,000 plus all legal fees associated with the sale of the land.**



**AND THAT the appropriate property sale By-Law be prepared for County Council's consideration.**

Carried

## Correspondence

*Ontario Ministry of Transportation – Notice of Public Information Centre  
– Highway 26 from Thornbury to the Town of Collingwood Boundary*

The Committee acknowledged the Notice received from the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario regarding the Public Information Centre on Highway 26 from Thornbury to the Town of Collingwood.

## Other Business

*Emergency Medical Services Update*

There was no update.

*Transportation Services Update*

Michael Kelly noted that a memo will be distributed to staff regarding the Transportation Services review to continue the communications with staff on the matter.

Staff will be holding a meeting with St. Mary's Cement tomorrow regarding two sections of Grey Road 31 which need to be upgraded prior to the hauling of material.

Staff anticipate that the reconstruction of Grey Road 15 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue will move forward next year.

Mr. Kelly updated the Committee on a recent contract change from Cargill to Sifto, noting that the salt coming from Cargill was not adequate for the County's winter maintenance purposes in terms of moisture content and size. An agreement has been reached with Sifto to provide blue salt. Staff anticipate that this salt may be less expensive than white salt when considering application rates and eliminating the need to apply liquids.

The Committee recessed at 12:42 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

## Closed Meeting Matters

The Chair advised that the Committee will go into closed meeting at 1:00 PM for consideration of a certain matter.

*TAPS44-14* Moved by: Councillor White                      Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

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

- i.     **A proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality, being land abutting the Grey County owned quarry on Grey Road 40 as outlined in Report TR-TAPS-29-14, in accordance with Section 239 (2) (c) of the Municipal Act, 2001**
- ii.    **Adoption of the closed meeting minutes of October 17, 2013 and November 7, 2013**

**AND THAT the following staff members remain in attendance: Lance Thurston, Michael Kelly and Tara Warder.**

Carried

*TAPS45-14* Moved by: Councillor White                      Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee do now return to open session at 1:20 PM.**

Carried

Councillor Bell declared a conflict of interest during the closed meeting and left the room at that time, returning when the Committee rose into open session and did not vote on the matter.

*TAPS46-14* Moved by: Councillor McKinlay                      Seconded by: Warden Milne

**THAT Confidential Report TR-TAPS-29-14 and the recommendation contained therein be adopted as presented in closed session.**

Carried

## Next Meeting Dates

**April 24, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Haswell, the meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

Alan Barfoot, Chair

