



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee Minutes October 18, 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 Francis Richardson, John Bell, Brian Milne, Deborah Haswell, Bob White, and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillors Paul McQueen, Bob Pringle, Ellen Anderson

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, CAO; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Mike Muir, Director of EMS; Ron Parkin, Transportation Services Maintenance Manager; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Sharon Melville, Buyer and Diana Livingston, 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 October 4, 2012.

The Transportation and Public Safety Committee Minutes were reviewed.

TAPS71-12 Moved by: Warden McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the minutes of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee dated October 4, 2012 be approved.

Carried

Human Resources Update

There was none.

Reports – Financial

There was none.

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-44-12 Sutacriti Land Transfer

Mr. Kelly presented Report TR-TAPS-44-12 regarding the transfer of land from Sutherland Construction Limited to the County of Grey to comply with the Sutacriti Subdivision Agreement.

TAPS72-12 Moved by: Warden McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

WHEREAS The County of Grey required Harold Sutherland Construction Limited to transfer two parcels of property (site triangles) described as Blocks 29 and 30, Plan 16M40, at the intersection of Grey County Road 1 and Ishawa Drive as a condition of the Sutacriti Subdivision Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The County of Grey is willing to accept title of Blocks 29 and 30, Plan 16M40;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk execute the Acknowledgement and Direction to accept Blocks 29 and 30, Plan 16M40 into the Grey County inventory.

Carried

TR-TAPS-45-12 Normanby-Bentinck Bridge – Lease and Transfer

Mr. Kelly presented Report TR-TAPS-45-12 regarding the Normanby-Bentinck Bridge, the history, lease and proposed transfer of this bridge to Mr. Johan Prins for the purpose of a snowmobile trail.

TAPS73-12 Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

WHEREAS the Nomanby-Bentinck Bridge is located in the Municipality of West Grey and is accessed from a Municipality of West Grey unopened road allowance;

AND WHEREAS the bridge is in dilapidated condition and has been closed to traffic since 1979;

AND WHEREAS there are no plans to open the road or bridge to traffic;

AND WHEREAS there is an adjacent property owner who wishes to lease the bridge to accommodate a snowmobile trail;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Section 52 (3) of the Municipal Act the upper-tier municipality may remove a highway from its system;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of West Grey has indicated that it would not object if the bridge was transferred to the municipality provided the County of Grey accept the legal cost of establishing a lease with the property owner and all cost associated with the transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS -45-12 regarding the Normanby-Bentinck Bridge be accepted;

AND THAT a By-law be brought forward for Council's consideration to transfer the Normanby-Bentinck Bridge to the Municipality of West Grey with the understanding that Grey County will assume the cost of establishing the original lease agreement and for transferring the Bridge.

Carried

TR-TAPS-46-12 Carrick-Normanby Bridge

Mr. Kelly presented Report TR-TAPS-46-12 regarding the Carrick-Normanby Bridge and the background of this bridge. Discussions commenced including clarification on the type of proposed bridge for construction and the need for road work beyond the 30m approaches. The Committee also wish to review the 2012 bridge assessment that will be completed shortly and how this structure will be prioritized within the asset management plan being completed by the County.

TAPS74-12 RESCINDED BY TAPS79-12 INCLUDING DIRECTION TO STAFF TO PREPARE A REPORT REGARDING RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NORMANBY-CARRICK BRIDGE AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2012 TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AND ENDORSED BY COUNTY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 27, 2012

TAPS74-12 REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 SESSION OF GREY COUNTY COUNCIL

TAPS74-12 Moved by: Warden McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-46-12 be received;

AND THAT thanks be extended to the Municipalities of West Grey and South Bruce for their offers of participation in the bridge reconstruction;

AND FURTHER THAT Grey County staff be instructed to consider alternatives to reconstruct the Carrick-Normanby bridge and approaches with the municipalities of West Grey and South Bruce and the County of Bruce for construction costs associated with the Carrick-Normanby bridge that has a cost split of 40% to each county and 10% to each municipality.

Carried

Warden McKinlay then left the meeting.

TR-TAPS-43-12 Report on the 2012 Shoulder Graveling Operations

Mr. Parkin presented Report TR-TAPS-43-12 regarding the 2012 shoulder graveling operations. Discussions commenced on costs and lifespan of the road with shoulder graveling completed. Chair Barfoot and the Committee thanked the Transportation Services department for the great work completed.

TAPS75-12 Moved by: Councillor Richardson Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT Report TR-TAPS-43-12 which provides a summary of the 2012 Transportation Services Shoulder Graveling operations completed in 2012 on various Grey County Roads be accepted.

Carried

TR-TAPS-47-12 Winter Minimum Maintenance Standards

Mr. Kelly presented Report TR-TAPS-47-12 regarding winter minimum maintenance standards developed by the Grey County Transportation Services that are similar to the Provincial standards that have been used for the last several years. Therefore there will be no change to the level of service being provided on Grey County roads in 2012.

TAPS76-12 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS Grey County has an obligation to maintain its roads to a safe level of standard;

AND WHEREAS the County has provided winter maintenance in accordance with the Provincial Minimum Maintenance Level of Service;

AND WHEREAS the Grey County insurers have recommended that Grey County implements its own Minimum Maintenance Level of Service 2012 as a result of a legal ruling;

AND WHEREAS the recommended Grey County Winter Minimum Maintenance Level of Service are in line with the Provincial Minimum Maintenance Standards and reflect the level of service Grey County has historically provided;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS- 47-12 be received;

AND THAT the proposed Winter Minimum Maintenance Standards be endorsed.

AND THAT the standards be sent to the lower tier Municipalities for information only.

Carried

TR-TAPS-48-12 Execution of Municipal Agreements

Mr. Kelly presented Report TR-TAPS-48-12 regarding the execution of Municipal agreements. The Transportation Services department has developed a standard structured agreement that has been sent to municipalities for their consideration.

Chair Barfoot and some Committee members suggested that these agreements should come back to the Committee for approval. Mr. Wepler advised that the Delegation Policy is currently under review and a revised policy will be brought forward for Council's consideration.

TAPS77-12 Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS Grey County cooperatively work with lower tier and neighbouring municipalities to identify opportunities to share resources to enhance efficiencies;

AND WHEREAS the agreement shall identify all parties' responsibilities and needs;

AND WHEREAS any agreement entered into by Grey County will identify the work to be completed will at least meet the Grey County minimum maintenance standard;

AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAP-48-12 regarding the execution of municipal agreements to complete road work be received;

AND THAT authority is provided to the Director of Transportation Services to enter into agreements with the Township of Wellington North, the Municipality of West Grey, Town of The Blue Mountains, The City of Owen Sound and the Counties of Bruce and Dufferin.

Carried

TR-TAPS-49-12 Capital Purchasing Prior to Budget Approval

Mrs. Melville presented Report TR-TAPS-49-12 regarding capital purchasing prior to budget approval for two tandem plow trucks.

TAPS78-12 Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor White

WHEREAS the 2013 budget has not yet been approved;

AND WHEREAS section 9.00 iv. of the purchasing procedure states that items requiring pre-budget approval must be reported to Council in order to have the expenditure authorized via resolution;

AND WHEREAS as per the purchasing procedures, staff is authorized to procure up to 50% of gross expenditures contained in the first year of the current Five Year Capital and Extra-Ordinary Expenditures Forecast, prior to the annual budget being approved, once Council has authorized these capital expenditures being procured via resolution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to let a tender for two tandem trucks prior to budget approval due to delivery time constraints;

AND FURTHER THAT Purchasing Policy ADM03-10 Authority to Award procedure be adhered to.

Carried

Other Business

Transportation Services Update

Mr. Kelly will bring forward a report on updating the tree cutting policy.

Mr. Kelly provided an update on Transportation Services and happenings in the department.

The Transportation Services department had a successful meeting with lower-tier Public Works representation.

A meeting has been scheduled with the OPP and police services for winter road maintenance communication and closure of roads.

A meeting with the OPP and Bruce County has been arranged in regards to service announcements in the winter.

Mr. Kelly will follow up with the Planning department to ask them to resend the information regarding the Public Information meetings for the Transportation Master Plan to all lower-tier municipal clerks.

A weed management meeting is scheduled for all Grey County weed inspectors to discuss weed management short and long term plans. In particular, Wild Chervil and Giant Hog Weed will be discussed. Letters have been sent to the CAO's of each municipality.

In regards to the proposed Durham Tim Horton's, the environmental phase 1 and phase 2 review reports should be completed by Azimuth Environmental next week. Chair Barfoot

requested a short meeting of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee be scheduled before County Council on November 6, 2012 to address the reports.

Transportation Services continues to have meetings with union and non-union staff to discuss efficiencies in operations.

Finance and Information Technology staff are doing an excellent work developing a program that will greatly reduce paperwork and capture true costs of work being completed on Grey County roads.

A Grey Road 1 delegation has written a letter to the Transportation and Public Safety Committee in regards to the speed limit reduction request. They wish to attend as a delegation when the speed limit issue is being considered by the Committee.

The Ministry of Transportation has requested to attend the November 8, 2012 Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting. They will make a presentation on future highway construction on Highway 6/10 between Chatsworth and Owen Sound.

On October 25, 2012, the Ministry of Transportation will be hosting a public information meeting to review the Highway 89 structures between Mount Forest and Shelburne.

The Ministry of Transportation has requested a joint meeting with Grey and Bruce County staff regarding the Alvanley intersection.

Considerable work has been done in conjunction with the Clerks department with the Adopt a Road program and a new format will be presented for 2013.

Emergency Medical Services Update

Mr. Muir provided an update on the Emergency Medical Services department.

Mr. Muir updated the Committee on a private members bill that would have seen the introduction of the presumptive diagnosis of post traumatic stress disorder for emergency services workforce including paramedics, police and firefighters. The legislation will not proceed due to the proroguing of the current session of provincial parliament. The Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs is currently working on a position paper regarding the legislation in the event that the legislation is reintroduced when parliament resumes.

Mr. Muir will be providing a report on the budget for the Craighleith base build at the next Committee meeting. There have been concerns from some of the neighbours in regards to removal of trees, landscaping and the storm water management. Mr. Muir is working on these concerns and will proceed with resolving them as there is minimal cost involved.

As of October 1, 2012 the first phase of the non emergency transfer's reduction plan was put in place. The hospitals have indicated that they are very appreciative of the efforts of Grey County in seeking funding and regulation of the system through the provincial delegations held in August 2012.

Next Meeting Dates

November 8, 2012

November 22, 2012 held at The Blue Mountains Fire Department – Jerry K Teed Firehall in Craigeith. Arrangements can be made for carpooling to the meeting.

On motion by Councillor Bell and Councillor Richardson, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Alan Barfoot, Chair