

## Transportation and Public Safety Committee August 20, 2015 – 10:00 AM

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

Present: Chair Alan Barfoot; Councillors Bob Pringle, Stewart Halliday, Sue Paterson, Harley Greenfield, Ian Boddy, Anna-Marie Fosbrooke, John McKean and John Bell; and Warden Kevin Eccles

### Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; Mike Muir, Director of Paramedic Services; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

## Call to Order

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

## Adoption of the Agenda

*TAPS108-15* Moved by: Councillor Greenfield      Seconded by: Councillor McKean

**THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee agenda dated August 20, 2015 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

*Transportation and Public Safety Committee minutes dated July 23, 2015*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on August 4, 2015.

## Reports – Paramedic Services

### *PSR-TAPS-06-15 Cross Border Billing*

Mike Muir addressed the Committee on the above report. Mr. Muir provided background on cross border billing to date. No other agreements exist between Grey County and other neighbouring counties for cross border billing.

Staff are recommending that cross border billing with Bruce County cease due to the extensive administrative resources that are required to reconcile. It was noted that Grey and Bruce County staff have reviewed the billings and believe that they will mainly be revenue neutral in the future, as they have been in the past.

*TAPS109-15* Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**WHEREAS in 2012 Grey County approved a resolution TAPS44-12 to enter into agreements with neighbouring single and upper-tier municipalities for the purposes of annual financial reconciliation of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) cross-border service accounts;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County and Bruce County have reviewed current and potential future billings for cross border activities and found that they will be mostly revenue neutral;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County and Bruce County are supportive of ceasing the practice of cross border billing due to the extensive administrative resources required to complete the reconciliation;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Reports PSR-TAPS-06-15 regarding cancellation of the cross border billing agreement with Bruce County be received;**

**AND THAT cross border billing for land ambulance services cease upon approval of both parties.**

Carried

### *PSR-TAPS-07-15 2016 Response Time Plan*

Mike Muir presented the above noted report regarding the proposed 2016 Response Time Plan. Grey County Paramedic Services is required to submit a Response Time Plan to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on an annual basis.

Mr. Muir provided information regarding response targets. It was noted that some targets are being adjusted from last year's plan.

Discussion occurred on Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) within the community. It was noted that education occurs on the PADs with such things as reminders to change the pads on the defibrillators.

Staff will send out a list to Committee members regarding the locations of PADs.

*TAPS110-15* Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Warden Eccles

**WHEREAS the County of Grey is required to submit annual Response Time Plans to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care related to ambulance response time targets;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report PSR-TAPS-07-15 be received;**

**AND THAT the 2016 Response Time Plan outlined in the report be submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on or before October 1, 2015.**

Carried

## Reports – Transportation Services

### *TR-TAPS-61-15 Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development LP Electric Power Transmitter or Distributor and Oversize-Overweight Cargo Agreement*

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report. Capstone is the project manager for new wind turbine projects within the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

Mr. Kelly noted that the required structure assessment, road assessment and traffic impact study have been completed. The road assessment indicated that there will be a reduction in lifespan to the County roads due to trucking of construction and turbine material to the sites.

Staff are recommending that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute two agreements with Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development LP. One agreement is an electrical power distributor to locate structures, equipment or facilities on Grey County Highways, and the second is to permit the use of Grey County highways to transport oversized and overweight cargo.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee. It was noted that the \$150,000 letter of credit will cover any damage to the roadway that the County may be required to repair. Inquiry was made as to whether a \$150,000 letter of credit is sufficient. It was recommended to increase the letter of credit requirement to \$250,000.

Committee briefly recessed, then reconvened.

Staff noted that Capstone has agreed to utilize scenario 1 or 2 from the road assessment study and as a result will decrease the potential for damage to the County roads. Consequently, they have requested that a total payment of \$26,926 be made to the County paid by Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development LP.

The Committee also required a letter of credit of \$250,000 be included for the Electrical Power Distributor to Locate Structures, Equipment or Facilities on Grey County Highways agreement.

Further discussion occurred on the amount that would be sufficient for the letter of credit.

*TAPS111-15* Moved by: Councillor McKean                      Seconded by: Councillor Bell

**WHEREAS Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development LP wishes to utilize Grey Road 4 to place an electrical plant in accordance with Section 41 of the Electricity Act, 1998 (Ontario) and to transport oversized/overweight loads on Grey Roads 2, 4 and 124 to accommodate the construction of a wind turbine development in the Municipality of Grey Highlands;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County Council approved generic agreements (Report TR-TAPS-66-13 Electric Power Transmitter or Distributor and Road Use Agreements) for the placement of electrical plants on Grey Road right-of-ways and for oversized/overweight cargo loads for wind turbine developments;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development LP, the Grey County Solicitor and Grey County staff have negotiated modifications to the generic agreements for Electric Power Transmitter and Distributor and Oversize/Overweight Cargo;**

**AND WHEREAS the Road Assessment Study identified that Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development LP damage to the Grey County Roads will be \$26,926;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-61-15 be received;**

**AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the following two agreements with Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development LP:**

- 1. Electrical Power Distributor to Locate Structures, Equipment or Facilities on Grey County Highways, as amended by requiring a letter of credit for \$250,000**
- 2. Permitting Use of Grey County Highway to Transport Over-sized/Over-weight Cargo, as amended by changing the letter of credit requirement to be \$250,000 instead of \$150,000.**

**AND FURTHER THAT Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development LP agrees to pay a lump sum of \$26,926 to compensate for the impact caused to the roads and Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development LP will utilize haul route scenario 1 or 2 identified in the modified agreement.**

Carried

*TR-TAPS-62-15 Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development – Wind Turbine Entrance Permits*

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report for the Committee's information, noting that the requirements to receive entrance permits have been met by Grey Highlands Clean Energy.

TAPS112-15 Moved by: Councillor Boddy

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**WHEREAS at the September 5, 2013 Transportation and Public Safety Committee the Committee provided direction that it receives an information report outlining the staff assessment of the current outstanding entrance applications related to industrial wind turbine projects before staff render a decision on the applications;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-62-15 regarding three Grey Highlands Clean Energy Development industrial/commercial wind turbine development entrance permits on Grey Road 4 be received for information;**

**AND THAT it is understood that the commercial/industrial entrance permits submitted meet the County's entrance criteria for industrial wind turbine development and will be approved by the Director of Transportation Services under authority granted by County Council through its Delegation of Duties Policy, G-GEN-008 as amended, and in accordance with Entrance Permit Procedure MS-TS-001-001.**

Carried

*TR-TAPS-63-15 Grey Highlands Nominee Ltd. – Oversize-Overweight Cargo Agreement*

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report, recommending the execution of an agreement with Grey Highlands Nominee (No. 1) Ltd. for permitting the use of Grey County Highways to transport oversized and overweight cargo.

The Committee discussed the requirements of the letter of credit. It was noted that this agreement only applies to a ten kilometre distance. Discussion occurred on whether \$150,000 was sufficient or whether it should be \$250,000 to be consistent with the other agreements covered in Report TR-TAPS-61-15.

TAPS113-15 Moved by: Councillor Pringle

Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**WHEREAS Grey Highlands Nominee (No.1) Ltd. wishes to utilize Grey Roads 2, 4, and 124 to transport oversized/overweight loads to accommodate the construction of a wind turbine development in the Municipality of Grey Highlands;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County Council approved generic agreements (Report TR-TAPS-66-13 Electric Power Transmitter or Distributor and Road Use Agreements) for oversized/overweight cargo loads for wind turbine developments;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey Highlands Nominee (No.1) Ltd., the Grey County Solicitor, and Grey County staff have negotiated modifications to the generic agreement for Distributor and Oversize/Overweight Cargo;**

**AND WHEREAS the Road Assessment Study identified that the Grey Highlands Nominee (No.1) Ltd. damage to the Grey County Roads could be up to \$15,000;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-63-15 be received;**

**AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement for Permitting Use of Grey County Highway to Transport Over-sized/Over-weight Cargo, as amended by requiring a letter of credit in the amount of \$250,000, with Grey Highlands Nominee (No.1) Ltd. provided Grey Highlands Nominee (No.1) Ltd. agree to pay a lump sum of \$15,000 for compensation identified in the Road Assessment Study.**

Carried

*TR-TAPS-64-15 Owen Sound Winter Maintenance Agreement*

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report, recommending that a winter maintenance agreement with the City of Owen Sound be executed. Mr. Kelly noted that it is the same costing as last year's agreement.

TAPS114-15 Moved by: Councillor Boddy                      Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**WHEREAS the County of Grey (Grey County) and the City of Owen Sound have historically entered into Winter Maintenance Agreements for the upkeep and maintenance of 15.2 kilometres of County Roads within the boundary of the City of Owen Sound;**

**AND WHEREAS the current winter maintenance agreement with the City expired in April 2015;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County and the City of Owen Sound wishes to renew the Winter Maintenance Agreement for the winter of 2015/2016;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-64-15 be received;**

**AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute a one year winter maintenance agreement between Grey County and the City of Owen Sound and to authorize the City of Owen Sound to complete the winter maintenance of 15.2 kilometres of County roads within the City limits of Owen Sound.**

Carried

*TR-TAPS-67-15 Enbridge Gas Distribution Franchise Agreement*

Michael Kelly addressed the Committee on the above report regarding a franchise agreement with Enbridge.

TAPS115-15 Moved by: Warden Eccles                      Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

**WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board requires a Franchise Agreement be executed between gas distribution companies and municipalities that have gas distribution plans within the municipal right-of-way;**

**AND WHEREAS the Model Franchise Agreement was established by the Ontario Energy Board in 2000 with consultation with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;**

**AND WHEREAS the Grey County right-of-way accommodates Enbridge Gas Distribution facilities and therefore a Franchise agreement is required;**

**AND WHEREAS the current Franchise Agreement which was originally executed with Consumers Gas prior to Enbridge Gas Distribution assuming ownership will be expiring on November 7, 2015;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-67-15 be received;**

**AND THAT Grey County Council approves the franchise agreement included in Report TR-TAPS-67-15 and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the Municipal Franchises Act;**

**AND THAT Grey County Council requests the Ontario Energy Board to make an order dispensing with the assent of the municipal electors of the attached franchise agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 (4) of the Municipal Franchises Act.**

Carried

*TR-TAPS-68-15 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Funding*

Michael Kelly presented the above noted report, recommending that an Expression of Interest to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) be submitted for the rehabilitation/reconstruction of Grey Road 12 from Sideroad 4A to Grey Road 40.

Staff are anticipating the project will cost approximately 2.7 million dollar in total.

*TAPS116-15* Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Warden Eccles

**WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced infrastructure funding under the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF);**

**AND WHEREAS the OCIF are application based programs which require the County of Grey to submit an Expression of Interest by September 11, 2015;**



**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-68-15 regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be received;**

**AND THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee approve the following project to be submitted as an Expression of Interest to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund:**

- **Grey Road 12 from Sideroad 4A to Grey Road 40 - rehabilitation/reconstruction**

Carried

## Correspondence

*Thank you from the City of Owen Sound Fire Department*

The committee reviewed the correspondence.

## Other Business

Staff will follow up with Bruce County to see if County Council has considered cross border billing.

Chair Barfoot updated the Committee on the recent delegations at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference. It was noted that members met with the Ministry of Health to discuss funding for the community paramedicine program. The brief was well received by the provincial staff members. The Province wishes to see further information and reporting to make a case for budget preparations in order to expand and continue the program.

A meeting with MNR regarding TOARQ fees was held. A draft report may be coming in the fall regarding the matter.

A delegation was also held between the City of Owen Sound and the Province regarding phragmites, and the County was involved in brief discussions regarding other noxious weeds such as wild chervil during the delegation.

## Next Meeting Dates

**Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Pringle, the meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.

Alan Barfoot, Chair