



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Transportation and Public Safety Committee Minutes May 17, 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 Barfoot; Councillors Francis Richardson, John Bell, Bob White, Ellen Anderson, Bob Pringle, Deborah Haswell, Brian Milne; and Warden McKinlay

Regrets: Councillor Paul McQueen

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, CAO; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation; Mike Muir, Director of EMS; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Sharon Melville, Buyer; 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 May 1, 2012

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

Human Resources Update

There was none.

Reports – Purchasing

TR-TAPS-26-12 – Quarterly Purchases

The Committee reviewed TR-TAPS-26-12 a report regarding purchases made for the first quarter of 2012. This report is for information purposes only.

Mr. Kelly provided a summary of the street sweeping operation costs. The tendered portion of the sweeping work was within budget, however the portion completed by the lower tier municipalities was higher than expected.

Mr. Kelly advised the Committee that the Gradall was sold for \$145,000 plus HST to E.C. King.

Reports – Transportation

TR-TAPS-28-12 – Community Safety Zone

The Committee reviewed TR-TAPS-28-12 a report regarding a request for a Community Safety Zone designation on County Road 4 through the community of Flesherton. This section of County Road 4 does not meet the provincial guideline requirements for a Community Safety Zone.

TAPS47-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor White

THAT the Transportation and Public Safety Committee deny the request to designate a 2.1 km of Grey County 4 through the community of Flesherton as a Community Safety Zone.

Carried

TR-TAPS-30-12 – Blue Mountain Resort Multi-Use Path Agreement

The Committee reviewed TR-TAPS-30-12 a report regarding an encroachment agreement with the Blue Mountain Resort for a multi-use path along a section Grey Road 119.

Councillor Anderson entered the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

The Blue Mountain Resort wishes to enter into an agreement with Grey County to install a fence and maintain a section of a multi-use path on the County Road 119 right-of-way just east of Swiss Meadow Boulevard. The Blue Mountain Resort will assume all cost and liability to place the fence and maintain the multi-use path. The multi-lane path will continue to be available for public use.

TAPS48-12 Moved by: Councillor Milne

Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

WHEREAS The County of Grey has jurisdiction over the public highway right of way designated as Grey Road 119;

AND WHEREAS there is a multi-use path, approximately 170m long, on the County Road 119 right of way just east of Swiss Meadow Boulevard;

AND WHEREAS the Blue Mountain Resort wishes to install and maintain a security fence, and operate and maintain a multi-use path on the approximate 170m section of the right of way;

AND WHEREAS a mutually acceptable agreement has been formulated identifying the responsibilities of both the Blue Mountain Resort and Grey County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Grey County enter into an agreement with the Blue Mountain Resort to permit the installation and maintenance of a security fence and to operate and maintain a multi-use path on the 170m long section of County Road 119;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute this agreement.

Carried

Reports – Financial Matters

TR-TAPS-27-12 – Transportation Services 2013-2017 Draft Five Year Capital Forecast

The Committee reviewed TR-TAPS-27-12 a report regarding the five year capital forecast for Transportation Services.

Councillor Pringle entered the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Mr. Kelly presented the five year capital forecast for the Transportation Services Department.

The budget for 2013 and 2014 is based on the 2012 levy plus a 2% compounded annual increase.

With the lack of technical information regarding the County Road network it is difficult to identify a long term plan. The Transportation Services Department will be undertaking an assessment of the Grey County roads during the 2012 summer. The assessment, which is being completed by staff, will view and document the condition of the roads and identify future work that will be required to maximize the life of the assets. This information will be evaluated considering engineering, financial and transportation principles (Master Transportation Plan) to establish a long term plan. Once this is completed a realistic five year plan can be established for Construction and Resurfacing projects.

The previous construction projects that were identified for 2013 and 2014 have been identified in 2015, 2016 and 2017. As a result the budget for 2015, 2016 and 2017 is unreasonably high and will be adjusted. However until the road assessment is completed no existing projects will be removed from the five year plan.

It was noted that the Transportation Services Department has initiated a review of all the centreline culverts under 3m. Many of the existing culverts are old and it is anticipated that there will be significant needs. Consequently an annual \$300,000 budget has been incorporated to make the necessary repairs and upgrades.

A Building Condition Assessment and Reserve Study was completed in 2011 identifying the capital needs for the next 20 years, regarding access to the Transportation Services patrol buildings. As a result of the recommendations of the report the Dome/Depot Repairs and Replacement budget has been increased.

TAPS49-12 Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Pringle

THAT Report TR-TAPS-27-12 regarding the 2013-2017 Five year Capital Forecast be received with the understanding that there will be modifications to the projects identified;

AND THAT the Capital Forecast for Transportation Service Department as presented be forwarded to the Director of Finance for inclusion in the corporate capital forecast for 2013-2017.

Carried

EMSR-TAPS-07-12 – Emergency Medical Services 2013-2017 Draft Five Year Capital Forecast

The Committee reviewed EMSR-TAPS-07-12 a report regarding the five year capital forecast for Emergency Medical Services.

Mr. Muir presented the five year capital forecast for EMS. Areas identified include ambulance replacement, stretchers, tablet computers, emergency response unit replacement, cardiac monitor/defibrillators and stair chair equipment. Discussion ensued around the EMS reserves.

Mr. Muir provided an update on the Craigleith station in relation to the budget. Occupancy is scheduled for July.

Mr. Muir announced that next week is EMS week with several events scheduled such as the Stuff the Ambulance food drive in Hanover, Cardiac Arrest survivor luncheon and an EMS display at the Keady Market.

TAPS50-12 Moved by: Councillor Richardson

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT Report EMSR-TAPS-07-12 regarding the draft Five Year Capital Forecast for 2013 to 2017 for EMS operations be received as presented and forwarded for

inclusion in the corporate Five Year Capital Forecast for consideration by County Council.

Carried

Other Business

Environmental Assessments Hwy 26 Town of the Blue Mountains

The Town of the Blue Mountains has requested the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and County of Grey to share the cost of three Environmental Assessment (EA) studies for Highway 26 intersections. Grey County 2012 budget includes funding for this work through a combination of Development Charges and levy. It was noted that for two of the studies the developers were not assuming any responsibility for the studies. A discussion ensued regarding the responsibilities for road upgrades that occur as a result of development.

Staff was directed to undertake a report regarding developer responsibilities related to road upgrades. Mr. Kelly will obtain input from the Town of the Blue Mountains when undertaking this report.

It was noted that a draft RFP for EA has been circulated by the Blue Mountains to the MTO and Grey County.

Status of Operational Review

Mr. Kelly provided a status update on the operational review relating to construction, maintenance, sign shop and the quarry. Sheila McKerroll has been interviewing staff and compiling information regarding past practices and projects.

The Transportation Services Department held a meeting with all construction, maintenance, the sign shop and quarry staff to discuss the study and how it would be completed. The staff were advised that their input was welcomed and they would be kept informed of the progress. There were a number of good questions raised at the meeting. It is recognized that the staff is concerned about how the study recommendations will affect them.

The committee will be kept informed of the progress of the study.

H. Sutherland Quarry on Grey Road 17

Harold Sutherland Company wishes to expand its current quarry adjacent to Grey Road 17 in Georgian Bluffs. The primary haul route will be Grey Road 17 from the quarry to Highway 6. The number and the weight of the trucks hauling material will have an impact on the condition and longevity of Grey Road 17.

Recently Grey County was party to an agreement with MAQ where MAQ is responsible for upgrades needed to County Roads, auxiliary lanes at the access and a \$0.06/ tonne charge to be allocated towards road maintenance. Grey County met with the Parliamentary Assistant for the Ministry of Natural Resources at the 2012 Ontario Good Roads Association conference and recommended that a similar type of agreement be provincially regulated.

The representatives from the Harold Sutherland Company and the Transportation Services Department have met on several occasions in an attempt to negotiate a reasonable agreement.

The committee discussed the principles of financial responsibility and several options regarding new quarries.

Staff was directed to provide a report back to committee with additional information and options.

Scone intersection

The Scone intersection project has been deferred due to the lack of justification, and there has been no further discussion with Bruce County relating to this project.

Wild Chervil

Staff provided an update for the Committee related to Wild Chervil. Currently there is no approved chemical to spray the Wild Chervil. However one of the manufactures is optimistic that a product will be approved and available for use in 2013. Grey County Staff are currently cutting and mapping the Wild Chervil.

Post cards identifying the weeds and how to handle it have been sent out to Grey County rural residents.

Next Meeting Date

June 5 and June 21, 2012

On motion by Councillor Milne, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Alan Barfoot, Chair