

## Report TR-TAPS-50-14

**To:** Chair Barfoot and Members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee  
**From:** M.J. Kelly, Director of Transportation Services  
**Meeting Date:** July 24, 2014  
**Subject:** Road Sign Policies  
**Status:** Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution TAPS90-14; Endorsed by County Council August 5, 2014 per Resolution CC110-14;

### Recommendation(s)

**WHEREAS the Ontario Traffic Manuals (OTM) has been developed to provide uniformity in the installation of traffic control devices;**

**AND WHEREAS Grey County utilizes the OTM for the majority of its signage with the exception of five traffic control device policies;**

**AND WHEREAS the information in the OTM and the five traffic control device policies are similar but not exactly the same;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report TR-TAPS-50-14 regarding road sign policies be received;**

**AND THAT the following County of Grey Policies regarding traffic control device policies be repealed:**

**Use of Chevron Markers (1993)**

**Use of Checkerboard Signs with Right and Left Arrows (1993)**

**Use of Road Edge Delineation Markers (1993)**

**Use of Guide Post Markers on Grey County Highways (1993)**

**Stop Line (Bar) Placement (2008).**

# Background

## *Ontario Traffic Manual*

The information in the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) provides information and guidance for transportation practitioners and promotes uniformity of treatment in the design, application and operation of traffic control devices and systems across Ontario. The OTM provides a set of guidelines consistent with the intent of the Highway Traffic Act.

The OTM provides practical guidelines on the full range of traffic control devices and their applications.

The OTM has jointly been developed by representatives from municipalities, contractors, Ministry of Transportation and other stakeholders.

## *Objective of Road Signs*

Traffic control and management relies on a system of traffic control devices for conveying messages to the road user. The objective of these messages is to advise motorists of traffic regulations in order to enable observance of the law, warn of roadway characteristics and hazards, and provide the information necessary for route selection. Meeting these objectives improves safety and convenience for the road users and promotes the efficient movement of people and goods in an orderly flow of traffic. Simplicity of the driving task through uniformity in the design and application of traffic control devices is necessary to accomplish these goals.

The principle goal in the development of the OTM is the achievement of uniformity throughout the province and compatibility throughout Canada.

## *Grey County Road Signage*

In the most part, Grey County utilizes the signage identified in the OTM; however, Grey County has the following signage policies:

- Use of Chevron Markers (1993)

- Use of Checkerboard Signs with Right and Left Arrows (1993)

- Use of Road Edge Delineation Markers (1993)

- Use of Guide Post Markers on Grey County Highways (1993)

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The signage identified in each of these five policies is also addressed in the OTM. The wording in these policies and the OTM is slightly different. This could be contributed to the age of the policies.

## Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

### Considerations

By eliminating the identified policies there will be less probability of inconsistencies in the Grey County road signing.

There will be no additional costs.

### Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Strategic Goal 6: Achieving Excellence in Governance and Service

Respectfully submitted by,

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