



Committee Report

Transportation Committee Report

Meeting Date: January 19, 2021
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

Transportation Committee Recommendations

NOTE: The following are recommendations from the Transportation Committee to be considered for adoption by Council

- [Receive Minutes \(January 19, 2021\)](#)

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Transportation Committee minutes dated January 19, 2021, as attached, for information purposes.



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Transportation Committee

Date: January 19, 2021
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers - Virtual Meeting
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON
Prepared by:
Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

Members Present: Councillor Rob Sampson, Councillor Jim Uram, Andrew Siegwart, John White, John Ardiel at 1:08 p.m.
Staff Present: Director of Operations Shawn Carey, and Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser

A. Call to Order

A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

A.2 Committee Member Attendance

Executive Assistant Committees of Council Sarah Merrifield confirmed all attendees were present save John Ardiel who joined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Uram
Seconded by: John White

THAT the Agenda of January 19, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

It was noted that, time permitting, Committee member John White may have additions to the agenda later in the agenda.

Yay (4): Andrew Siegwart, John White, Councillor Uram, and Councillor Sampson
Absent (1): John Ardiel

The motion is Carried (4 to 0, 1 absent)

A.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2019-56, Transportation Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

A.5 Previous Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Uram
Seconded by: Andrew Siegwart

THAT the Minutes of December 15, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (4): Andrew Siegwart, John White, Councillor Uram, and Councillor Sampson
Absent (1): John Ardiel

The motion is Carried (4 to 0, 1 absent)

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

B.1 Deputations, if any

None

B.2 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2019-56 fifteen minutes is allotted at the Meeting to receive public comments regarding Transportation Committee matters included on the Agenda. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments shall not refer to personnel, litigation or potential litigation matters, or matters that are a follow-up to a Public Meeting.

Committee meetings are taking place virtually to assist with social distancing with respect to COVID-19. Comments received from the public that have not been included on the Agenda will be read at the meeting by the Executive Assistant.

None

B.3 Staff reports, if any

None

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 Follow-up Resolutions from Council

NOTE: the following resolutions were passed by Council at the December 14, 2020 meeting.

a) THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives for information the October 13, 2020 Transportation Committee recommendation regarding the Grey Roads 19/21 intersection, and the Grey Road 19 traffic corridor, being:

THAT the Transportation Committee invites Grey County staff to the next Transportation Committee meeting to speak to Grey Road 19/21 intersection, and the Grey Road 19 traffic corridor, CARRIED.

With respect to resolution a) noted above, staff confirmed that the Town Clerk is working with Grey County staff for a date for Grey County staff to attend a meeting to speak regarding the Grey road 19/21 intersection and the Grey Road 19 traffic corridor.

Committee member John Ardiel joined the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

b) THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains directs staff to provide a follow-up report re: all potential options for off road vehicle use on municipal roadways, as permitted under the *Highway Traffic Act* for Transportation Committee consideration, per Committee's October 13, 2020 recommendation, CARRIED.

With respect to resolution b) noted above, staff confirmed that Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator has developed a discussion paper regarding the new requirements and some background with respect to the Town's regulation of off-road vehicle use on municipal roadways. Adam confirmed the new changes do not materially impact the Town and further noted the Town's 2004 By-law could be updated to reflect the current legislation. Adam advised that the Town's By-law prohibits ATV/ORV use on municipal roadways, except for 1-time permit processes for an "ATV event". It was also noted there is a legislation exemption for ATV/ORV use relating to agriculture. Director of Operations Shawn Carey noted ATVs being used for agricultural uses must be insured under an auto policy, be driven by a licensed driver, be registered and plated and affixed with a "Slow Moving Vehicle" sign, and the user must be wearing a helmet.

The Transportation Committee requested a report with respect to ATV use of municipal roadways once it is reviewed by legal services staff.

C.2 Transportation Master Plan Consultant and Presentation Update - Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser

Stantec Consulting was retained for the purposes of the Transportation Master Plan. Adam confirmed the consulting firm will be attending a Committee meeting to provide an introduction to the Committee, and an overview of their plan. Adam further confirmed that the consultants could answer questions the Committee has with respect to demand management, and traffic data collection.

Chair Sampson requested a Special Transportation Committee meeting in early February 2021 scheduled exclusively for the purposes of meeting with Stantec Consultant with respect to the Transportation Master Plan.

C.3 Traffic Counter System and "Trade Show" Update

It was noted that Council approved the request for a Traffic Counter System and "Trade Show". Director of Operations Shawn Carey advised that there are several options the Committee can proceed with, based on Council's endorsement and staff's review under the Purchasing Policy.

Option 1: Request for Information which outlines the general scope and intent for the traffic data collection which can include a technology demonstration – however, would need to be a sub-committee of the Transportation Committee.

Option 2: Town staff can pull together information on the various traffic counter technology for the Committee's review.

Option 3: Stantec Consulting can develop specifications and make technology recommendations for consideration.

Councillor Sampson noted he cannot see where there would be an issue with the purchasing policy to have a tech "trade show" with the full Committee. Shawn advised he will follow up with the Town's purchasing staff. Committee member John White noted that if there is a conflict with the purchasing policy, Council could pass a policy exemption for the "trade show". John White further explained he is hesitant to put together prescriptive specifications as the Town and the Committee are unaware of the types of traffic data technology available.

Adam will be circulating a discussion paper to Committee members on information gathered to date with respect to traffic data collection systems, known as "Advanced Traffic Management Systems".

C.4 Consideration and Appointment of an Alternate to the Economic Development Advisory Committee

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee appoints Jim Uram as John Ardiel's alternate representative to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for the balance of the 2018 to 2022 Term.

Yay (5): Andrew Siegwart, John White, Councillor Uram, and Councillor Sampson, John Ardiel

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

D. Correspondence

None

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to Agenda

Victoria and Louisa Streets Discussion

Shawn Carey advised that discussion is ongoing regarding potential purchase/sale of triangular piece of property adjacent to the Foodland plaza. Shawn noted that once conversations are completed, the Committee and staff can review the desired alternatives for the intersection. It was noted that the Town is pursuing design as if the stop up and closure of Beaver Street South between Louisa Street and Victoria Street will proceed. Councillor Uram noted perhaps the triangular section could be used for a stormwater management facility. The Committee also enquired about the definition of a "Heritage Road" and the design parameters therein.

Alternate Route Discussion Paper

The Committee discussed that there was previous work being done regarding an alternate route around Thornbury that needs to be re-prioritized. It was noted the Transportation Committee has a sub-committee consisting of John White and John Ardiel to assist with the work. Councillor Sampson noted in the ROMA Delegation to Ministry of Transportation, the Town will be requesting the MTO Minister to visit onsite to discuss larger regional Transportation issues.

Director of Operations Shawn Carey noted staff is developing mapping to provide a visual aide for this discussion and would welcome assistance of the sub-committee. Shawn further confirmed that the discussion paper can be incorporated into the Transportation Master Plan.

It was noted this work would support and be done in conjunction with the Road Swap Update.

Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan Presentation

Staff are coordinating with Grey County staff to attend the February 16, 2021 Committee meeting to provide an update to the Transportation Committee regarding the Cycling and Trails Master Plan.

Sidewalks

Shawn Carey noted a staff will be bringing a report to Council for consideration regarding enhanced sidewalk maintenance throughout the municipality. Committee member John Ardiel commented that he has received good community feedback regarding winter maintenance of the Georgian Trail and enquired whether the winter maintenance of trails will be ongoing. Councillor Sampson noted he cannot speak for all of Council, but believes the program will continue. John Ardiel further enquired whether staff anticipate sidewalks being included in the Bayview Ave sewer servicing project. Shawn Carey noted the current proposed scope of the project is for sanitary sewer installation only. It was noted that sidewalk extension/replacement is a topic that the Committee should discuss in spring/summer 2021

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

- Discussion paper regarding ATV use on municipal roadways and a determination regarding potential update of 2004 by-law, following discussion at the January 19, 2021 Committee meeting
- Grey County staff presentation regarding Grey Road 19/21 intersection and Grey Road 19 traffic corridor
- Circulate discussion paper regarding “Advanced Traffic Management Systems”
- Action Plan for Traffic Data Collection Trade Show
- Victoria St/Louisa St Design Options and Heritage Road Designation Clarification (possible closed session)
- Sidewalk Extension/Replacement Consideration (May 2021 if ready)
- Special Transportation Committee meeting – Stantec Consulting – Transportation Master Plan

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

February 16, 2021
Town Hall, Council Chambers (virtual)

G. Adjournment

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee does now adjourn at 2:17 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Yay (5): Andrew Siegwart, John White, Councillor Uram, and Councillor Sampson, John Ardiel

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)