



Committee Report

Transportation Committee Report

Meeting Date: April 15, 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 \(April 15, 2021\)](#)

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Transportation Committee minutes dated April 15, 2021, as attached, for information purposes.

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 [Memorandum, Director of Operations Shawn Carey and Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser Re: Review and Options for Regulating Off-Road Vehicle Use on Municipal Roads](#)

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT in accordance with the April 15, 2021 recommendation from the Transportation Committee with respect to the memorandum titled "A Review and Options for Regulating Off-Road Vehicle Use on Municipal Roads", Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains endorses the following:

The Committee opts for Option 1 Status Quo at this time, but requests the matter to be considered through the Master Transportation Plan process (Option 4) to ultimately consider whether Option 3 Update By-law, Consider Changing Rules is feasible, which includes identifying potential infrastructure and resourcing requirements, understanding that any potential By-law update would not have to be instituted for the Transportation Master Plan to be considered complete.

C.2 Transportation Master Plan

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT in accordance with the April 15, 2021 Transportation Committee recommendation, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains directs staff to complete a monthly newsletter or update made available to the public to provide information with respect to the Transportation Master Plan project.

D Correspondence

D.2. [Township of South-West Oxford Re: Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement \(Photo Radar\) by Municipalities](#)

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT in accordance with the April 15, 2021 Transportation Committee recommendation, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receive correspondence item D.2. and supports the direction by South-West Oxford identified in their letter titled "Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar) by Municipalities"



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Transportation Committee

Date: April 15, 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 Jim Uram, Andrew Siegwart, John Ardiel, John White, and Councillor Rob Sampson who joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.
Staff Present: Director of Operations Shawn Carey and Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser

A. Call to Order

Committee member and Vice Chair John White chaired the meeting as Councillor Sampson was unable to attend the full meeting.

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 that all Committee members were present, save Councillor Sampson who joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Town staff present were Director of Operations Shawn Carey and Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Jim Uram

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Agenda of April 15, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

Yay (4): Councillor Uram, Andrew Siegwart, John Ardiel, John White

Absent (1): Councillor Sampson

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: Andrew Siegwart

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Uram

THAT the minutes of February 10, 2021 and the Special meeting minutes of March 11, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (4): Councillor Uram, Andrew Siegwart, John Ardiel, John White

Absent (1): Councillor Sampson

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 Matters Left Unaddressed at the February 16, 2021 Meeting

- [Memorandum, Director of Operations Shawn Carey and Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser Re: Review and Options for Regulating Off-Road Vehicle Use on Municipal Roads](#)

Director of Operations Shawn Carey and Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser provided an overview of Memorandum Re: Review and Options for Regulating Off-Road Vehicle Use on Municipal Roads.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Uram

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT, with respect to the memorandum titled, “A Review and Options for Regulating Off-Road Vehicle use on Municipal Roads”, the Transportation Committee receives the memorandum and requests Council’s endorsement of the following:

-The Committee opts for Option 1 Status Quo at this time, but requests the matter to be considered through the Master Transportation Plan process (Option 4) to ultimately consider whether Option 3 Update By-law, Consider Changing Rules is feasible, which includes identifying potential infrastructure and resourcing requirements, understanding that any potential By-law update would not have to be instituted for the Transportation Master Plan to be considered complete.

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

Absent (1): Councillor Sampson

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

- [Parking Update](#) (referred by Council at the January 27, 2021 meeting)

Director of Operations confirmed that, given the number of parking concerns throughout the municipality, staff is bringing an updated Parking By-law to Council for consideration. Staff have also applied for a grant to expand

parking options at several locations including Metcalfe Rock, Loree Forest, Pretty River Provincial Park area at 6th Sideroad and the existing "snowmobile lot". Staff are coordinating with Grey Highlands as well to address parking concerns at border roads. Lastly, staff confirmed that through the Transportation Master Plan and the Leisure Activities Plan, a parking strategy will be identified that factors in the Town's Parking By-law.

- Status of Victoria/Louisa Streets Project

Shawn Carey advised that a Public Information Centre was held in March 2021 to finalize preliminary design and advise of Council's direction (such as a 1-way east to west on Louisa Street from Bruce Street). Through this design, the correction for the triangular parcel of land at Victoria/Beaver/Louisa adjacent to the Foodland will be corrected. This includes initiating a "Stop Up and Close" process at Beaver Street from Louisa to Victoria. This process involves a report to Council to initiate a Public Meeting and advise the public. If the "Stop Up and Close" proceeds, the Town can correct stormwater works among other design issues.

- Status of Road Swap Discussion Paper and Progress of Discussions with County

The Committee reviewed a presentation by Grey County Director of Transportation Pat Hoy to Grey County Council on April 8, 2021, "Grey County Urban Road Options, TR-CW-01-21". Shawn Carey confirmed that the County is considering various connecting links and delegating them down to lower tier municipalities, which includes consideration of Bruce/Marsh Streets and 10th Line. This will also include consultation with lower tiers. The Town has excellent asset management information for the 10th Line that will assist these conversations moving forward.

Chair White advised that County staff requested Council's approval to initiate workshop with Council and staff from area municipalities along with follow-up sessions to develop further information with respect to the potential road swaps. Councillor Uram confirmed that he will bring forward to Council initially via staff the inclusion of the Transportation Committee into the County "workshops" on road matters. Chair White further commented that County staff referenced that a 66ft road allowance is often not sufficient; Chair White enquired whether Grey County has been seeking to expand road allowances beyond 66ft, to which Shawn Carey replied that he is unsure whether the County has been developing wider road allowances. Councillor Uram commented that his prior work with Simcoe County, Halton and York Regions enact wider road allowances for the purposes of passive transportation.

- [Notice of Study Commencement, Grey Road 19 between Grey Road 21/Mountain Road and Grey Road 19/Gord Canning](#)

Shawn Carey and Adam Fraser provided an overview of the Notice of Study Commencement, Grey Road 19 between Grey Road 21/Mountain Road and Grey Road 19/Gord Canning. The alternatives being considered include Do Nothing, Widen to 4 lanes, and Widen to 4 lanes with active transportation. Staff have submitted preliminary comments which includes recommending County staff confirm traffic studies that recommend Grey Road 19 widening, the need to dovetail the County's work with the Town's Transportation Master Plan, considerations for active and pedestrian traffic safety given the roundabouts, environmental concerns as they relate to potential tree removal, among others. The Town has reserved judgement at this time regarding identifying a preferred option from the alternatives being considered, but identified that the alternatives identified lean towards 4 lanes with active transportation.

Chair White commented that at the Special Meeting of Council on March 16, 2021, it was identified that there are no active transportation plans contemplated with respect to the east side of Grey Road 19. Chair White enquired whether the Town provided comments with regard to the Martin Grove and Grey Road 19 intersection. Staff confirmed that comments submitted have not gone into that level of detail, but there is opportunity for further engagement as the process evolves. Staff confirmed that the emphasis for a regional focus that considers Grey and Simcoe counties has been conveyed.

Councillor Uram and Committee member John Ardiel enquired whether the timing is known for 4 laning and roundabout installation that was identified by Town of Collingwood. Shawn confirmed that the proposal to initiate the roundabout by Town of Collingwood was for 2023 and 4 laning would follow that installation. Through the roundabout process at 19/21, the Town is anticipating that traffic will be diverted to Monterra Road which will require a "shave and pave" to ensure the road is prepared for the temporary increased traffic demand.

C.2 Transportation Master Plan Update - Adam Fraser (verbal)

Adam Fraser advised that data gathering efforts are underway and being funneled to the consultants. Staff have also gained access to Strava (active transportation) data as well and the stakeholder listing is being developed.

With respect to traffic data collection, a draft Request for Proposal is under internal review and will be vetted by the consultants, to be released in May 2021.

Committee member Andrew Siegwart emphasized the need to ensure a comprehensive stakeholder listing is developed; staff will recirculate the list to ensure Committee members have an opportunity to supplement the list.

The Committee requested that regular (monthly or otherwise) updates with respect to Transportation Master Plan progress be provided, along with some communication to external stakeholders and advisory committees as well.

Councillor Sampson joined the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor Rob Sampson

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Transportation Committee requests Council to direct staff to complete a monthly newsletter or update made available to the public to provide information with respect to the Transportation Master Plan project.

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

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

C.3 County of Simcoe Transportation Master Plan Update: Phase 1 Needs and Opportunities

This matter was previously discussed through agenda item C.1.

The County of Simcoe has initiated an update to its Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The update is intended to build on the 2014 TMP and provide direction for the planning, coordination and implementation of a multi-municipal road and transit network, active transportation amenities and commuter facilities for the next 30 years and beyond. This update will also guide the development and implementation of policies to support existing and future transportation needs within the County.

At this stage in the study, we are gathering input into the County's transportation needs and opportunities, which will inform the development of the Transportation Master Plan's infrastructure and policy recommendations.

Link to Webpage: www.simcoe.ca/tmp.

D. Correspondence

D.1 Jason Boparai, Director Ministry of Transportation Re: On Road Access for Off-Road Vehicles

Deferred from the February 16, 2021 meeting

Council direction noted:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the January 4, 2021 correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation regarding opportunities for ON-Road Access to Off-Road Vehicles;

AND THAT Council refers this correspondence to the Operations Department, in consultation with the Transportation Committee, for report back to Council for committee consideration in conjunction with Operations Department, CARRIED.

D.2 Township of South-West Oxford Re: Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar) by Municipalities

Moved by: Jim Uram

Seconded by: Councillor Rob Sampson

THAT the Transportation Committee receives correspondence item D.2 and recommends Council support the direction by South-West Oxford identified in their letter titled "Use of Automatic Speed Enforcement Photo Radar by Municipalities".

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

The motion is Carried (5 to 0)

D.3 Denis Martinek, Tyrolean Village Resorts Limited Re: Grey Road 19/21 Project Update

Committee member Andrew Siegwart left the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

D.4 Bill Abbotts, Resident Re: Further Comment on Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan, Victoria/Louisa Streets Public Information Centre, and the Transportation Master Plan

D.5 County of Simcoe Planning Department Re: Transportation Master Plan Update

Moved by: Councillor Jim Uram
Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee receives correspondence Items D.1, D.3, and D.5 on the April 15, 2021 Committee agenda for information purposes and requests that Item D.4 be deferred to the May 2021 Committee agenda.

Yay (4): Councillor Sampson, Councillor Uram, John Ardiel, and John White

Absent (1): Andrew Siegwart

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

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to Agenda

Councillor Sampson provided a brief update with respect to Highway 26 Speed Limit at Committee member John Ardiel's request. Councillor Sampson advised that no decisions have been made but staff is working with Ministry of Transportation to confirm whether a speed limit adjustment is needed for summer 2021. Councillor Sampson noted that likely some speed reduction will be instituted however, the speed has not been confirmed at this time. Committee member Ardiel expressed his frustration at the speed limit potentially being reduced.

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

- Traffic Data Collection (standing item)
- Transportation Master Plan Project Update (standing item)
- Correspondence Item D.4 Bill Abbotts
- Alternate Route Discussions with Grey County

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

May 20, 2021

Town Hall, Council Chambers (virtual)

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Jim Uram
Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee does now adjourn at 3:11 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Yay (4): Councillor Sampson, Councillor Uram, John Ardiel, and John White

Absent (1): Andrew Siegwart

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