



Committee Report

Transportation Committee Report

Meeting Date: October 21, 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 \(October 21, 2021\)](#)

Recommended (Move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Transportation Committee minutes dated October 21, 2021, as attached, for information purposes.



Minutes

The Blue Mountains, Transportation Committee

Date: October 21, 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
Regrets: John Ardiel
Staff Present: Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Transportation Master Plan Coordinator Adam Fraser, Administrative Assistant Committees of Council Kyra Dunlop

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 members were present save John Ardiel.

Town staff present were Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Transportation Master Plan Coordinator Adam Fraser, and Administrative Assistant Committees of Council Kyra Dunlop.

A.3 Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Jim Uram

Seconded by: Andrew Siegart

THAT the Agenda of October 21, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item E.1.1 Potential Recommendations for Grey County Review of Roads Network.

Yay (4): Councillor Uram, Andrew Siegart, John White, 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 2021-76, 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: John White

Seconded by: Andrew Siegart

THAT the Minutes of October 14, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (4): Councillor Uram, Andrew Siegart, John White, 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 2021-76 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 Transportation Master Plan Project Update, if available - Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser

Transportation Master Plan Coordinator Adam Fraser confirmed a report is coming to November 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole to provide the same information to Council that was previously provided to the Committee by the consultants. The key takeaways that were discussed at the October 14, 2021 Committee meeting were provided to the consultants, and has also been circulated to the Committee members for comment back. Those takeaways will be incorporated into the presentation forthcoming to Committee of the Whole. It was noted that Committee comments should be provided, if possible, by Friday, October 22

C.2 Alternate Route Sub-committee Update, if any - Committee Members John Ardiel and John White

Note: This item deferred from the September 16, 2021 meeting.

Committee member John White confirmed this matter would be brought forward for Committee discussion at the November 18, 2021 Committee meeting.

C.3 Rural Road Speed Limit Review (Rockhaven Motion) Update - Director of Operations Shawn Carey

Note: The Committee had previously discussed this item at the June 17, 2021 Committee meeting under Item C.5.- <https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=5948>

Clarification was provided that the Rockhaven matter was brought before Council as a Notice of Motion by Councillor Matrosovs, and referred to the Committee. It was noted that Council did endorse speed reduction in Rockhaven.

Director of Operations Shawn Carey noted that there are several speed reductions that were reviewed for enactment by Council, at least as an interim measure, being: Rockhaven (proposed to 50km/h), Lora Bay (proposed to 40km/h), and Lansdowne Street South (proposed to 40km/h). Shawn noted a report outlining these interim reduction options will be brought to Council, anticipating that a Comprehensive Speed By-law will be enacted following the completion of the Transportation Master Plan which will allow for the development of longer-term solutions for these, and other areas.

Transportation Master Plan Coordinator Adam Fraser referenced a document by Transport Canada that provides best practices for comprehensive speed reviews. A Comprehensive Speed Review will be an action item identified as part of the Transportation Master Plan.

Committee member Andrew Siegwart enquired as to what data has been provided to rationalize the anticipated speed reductions. Shawn advised that, following the Rockhaven Motion, staff monitored two (2) weeks worth of traffic counts, which found that the average speed was 54 km/h although there were also 30 vehicles travelling between 121 - 130 km/h. Traffic counts were also conducted at Lansdowne Street South, which seemed to point to additional volume on the road as a result of development in the area requiring traffic redirects.

Councillor Sampson requested that the draft report be presented to the Committee for comment prior to it being sent to Committee of the Whole.

Committee member John White noted an Interim By-law is an excellent way to assist with immediate concerns until the larger findings of the Transportation Master Plan are developed. John further clarified that the speed reduction at Lora Bay is rectifying an issue from 2019. John enquired if the speed signs could be temporary, and with a concrete base - this would enable staff to install them without first getting locates which often cause delays, and provides a clear impression that the speed limit change is temporary. Shawn noted when the Speed By-law comes forward, the associated Council resolution will tidy up the interim component. Shawn noted that while staff can explore temporary signage, the concrete base signs do not hold up well to winter operations. Shawn

confirmed that his staff report will include costing details, including staff time and signage costs.

Committee member Andrew Siegwart noted the importance of having defensible and justified criteria for reviewing speed limit requests. Shawn confirmed that at this time, the criteria has not been established. With regard to Lora Bay, a portion of the road in question is still unassumed, but is being designed to 40km/h, and Lansdowne and Rockhaven will likely be interim speed reductions, as there is some speeding observed, but not in the 85th percentile which is the metric normally used.

Councillor Sampson requested an update with regard to speed monitoring equipment. Adam confirmed that staff applied to the Municipal Modernization Fund Intake to receive potential grant money to fund the expense. Staff tested equipment options with a shortlist of vendors, and ultimately selected a successful vendor. Once the service agreement is finalized, additional information can be provided to the Committee. Adam confirmed that staff are on track to have equipment installed by the end of 2021.

C.4 Action Item Tracking

- Victoria/Louisa/Elma/Alice Reconstruction Updates, as available
- Parking Issues Update, as available
 - Staff will bring comprehensive update on existing initiatives relating to parking at trailheads and in-Town to the November 18, 2021 meeting
 - Staff Report with Comprehensive Parking By-law expected to Committee of the Whole mid to late November
 - Staff working with Grey County, area municipalities, Grey Sauble and Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authorities on parking issues at trailheads
- Unopened Road Allowances (including water access) Update, as available
- Traffic Data Collection Status Update, as available
- 2022 Committee Budget and Zero Based Budget Perspective and Assessment Update, as available
 - \$50,000 in 2022 budget to support traffic management and data technology (which could be covered by Municipal Modernization Intake, if grant is successful)
 - Funds available through the Operations Department budget for connecting link
- Highway 26 Paved Shoulder Update - Councillor Sampson and John White
- Lora Bay Condo Committee Speed Limit Request
 - Letter to be provided by Director Carey following direction regarding Interim Speed By-law
- Speed Radar Signs Update, if available

D. Correspondence

None

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to Agenda

E.1.1 Potential Recommendations for Grey County Review of Roads Network

Councillor Sampson enquired as to the process to provide feedback to the County, understanding that there are quarterly reviews conducted of Grey County Road Networks where member municipalities can provide comment. Shawn confirmed he will review options for providing comments and follow-up with the Committee. Shawn confirmed that when the Town receives concerns regarding County roads, those concerns are relayed to Grey County and the Ontario Provincial Police. Andrew emphasized that a key takeaway seems to be the need for advocacy relating to roads outside of the Town's jurisdiction.

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

- Transportation Master Plan Project Update, if any - Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser
- Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit Re: Transit Services
- Interim Speed Limit Draft Staff Report
- Alternate Route Sub-committee Update
- Speed Monitoring Equipment Report
- In-Town and Trailhead Parking Update
- Potential Recommendations for Grey County Review of Roads Network
 - Confirmation of Process for Providing Feedback

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

November 18, 2021

Town Hall, Council Chambers (virtual)

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Andrew Siegart

Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee does now adjourn at 2:00 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Yay (4): Councillor Uram, Andrew Siegart, John White, Councillor Sampson

Absent (1): John Ardiel

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