

Report TR-TAPS-85-15

To: Chair Barfoot and Members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee
From: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer
M. J. Kelly, Director of Transportation Services
Meeting Date: October 22, 2015
Subject: **Transfer of County Roads to Town of The Blue Mountains**
Status:

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS Grey County Council directed staff to set up meetings with Town of The Blue Mountains' staff to investigate the feasibility of transferring the download of Grey County Roads in the Town of The Blue Mountains as a pilot project proposal to be implemented by August 1, 2017;

AND FURTHER THAT the proposal be brought back to Grey County Council for further consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT staff have identified the need for additional resources to undertake the feasibility assessment;

THEREFORE BE IT resolved that Council approve the allocation of \$50,000 from the One-time Funding Reserve to be utilized to complete assessment and modelling of the apportionment of annual Transportation operating and capital budgets to Town of The Blue Mountains and the financial impacts to the County therein.

Background

In the spring of 2015, Grey County municipalities were asked for their feedback on the proposed Transportation Master Plan. Town of The Blue Mountains (TBM) responded with a series of Council resolutions requesting that the County transfer all county roads and all bridges in The Blue Mountains to the Town, and that the County undertake the Active Transportation recommendations in the Master Plan, develop principles and policies of assessing Community Traffic Calming Measures, continue moving forward with a rural

transit study, provide further financial information on connecting link programs and that the County respond to the comments within 90 days.

On July 7, 2015, Grey County Council adopted the Transportation Master Plan and also directed staff to set up meetings with The Blue Mountains' staff to investigate the feasibility of transferring responsibility of Grey County Roads in The Blue Mountains to the Town as a pilot project proposal to be implemented by August 1, 2017.

On September 9, 2015 TBM allocated \$25,000 towards retaining consulting resources to prepare a concept proposal in support of the feasibility assessment of the road (and bridge download).

Since July, Director Kelly has been in ongoing discussions with his colleague from The Blue Mountains and responded to requests for information. The status of the information requests is noted in Table 1.

Table 1

Requested Information	Status
1. CUPE Collective Agreement	Sent
2. CUPE Memorandum of Understanding	Sent
3. Job Description Area Foreman	Sent
4. Job Description Lead Hand	Sent
5. Job Description Operator	Sent
6. 2014-2015 Winter Control Handbook	Sent
7. 2013 Pavement Condition Index Report	Sent
8. 2014 Pavement Condition Index Report	Sent
9. Bridge OSIM Report Summary	Sent
10. OSIM Reports	Sent
11. Budget summary 2011 to 2014	Sent
12. Cost/km summer maintenance in TBM	Being compiled
13. Cost/km winter maintenance in TBM	Not available
14. Breakdown of cost per road section in TBM	Not available
15. Breakdown of maintenance for Grey Roads 4, 40, 2, 13, 124	Not available
16. Staff seniority	Sent
17. Patrol Yard information	Sent
18. Construction projects completed last three years	Being compiled
19. Claims	Provides some info.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology Considerations

In addition to 82 km of County roads (9.4% of all roads in Grey County), there are twenty County structures (bridges and culverts over 3m) in The Blue Mountains. These include five boundary and six fully County-owned bridges, three boundary and six fully County-owned culverts.

Spending on Transportation (operating and capital) has historically represented about 33% of the County budget. In receiving the responsibility for County roads and bridges within its boundaries, it is reasonable to anticipate that The Blue Mountains would receive some share of the Transportation budget to cover operations, maintenance and capital upgrades. Determining what those numbers should be, how they should be calculated on an ongoing basis and what the impacts would be on the Transportation budget and activities for all other Grey County municipalities is a challenging exercise.

Staff is requesting approval to seek external resources experienced in developing this kind of modelling to assist with the project.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Action Item 4.3 of the Corporate Strategic Plan indicates that the County should develop a county-wide Transportation Master Plan that identifies capital priorities, embraces active transportation principles, and is innovative in its support of economic development and healthy community strategies.

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted by,

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