



Minutes

Transportation Committee

Meeting Date: August 18, 2020
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
Prepared by: Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

A. Call to Order

Councillor Rob Sampson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. with Committee members John Ardiel, Andrew Siegwart, and John White present.

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

Regrets were sent by Councillor Jim Uram.

- **Traditional Territory Acknowledgement**
- **Committee Member Attendance**
- **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: Andrew Siegwart

THAT the Agenda of August 18, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item E.1.1 John White Suggested Motions

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegwart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay

The motion is Carried.

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

▪ **Previous Minutes (January 21, 2020 July 21, 2020)**

Moved by: John White

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Minutes of January 21, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegwart, Andrew	abstain
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay

The motion is Carried.

Moved by: Andrew Siegwart

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Minutes of July 21, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegwart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay

The motion is Carried.

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

B.1 Deputations, if any

B.1.1 Sarah Mills, Resident, on behalf of Residents of Lakewood Drive and Woodland Park Road

Re: Request to Reduce Speed Limit on Lakewood Drive and Woodland Park Road to 30km/hr

Sarah Mills noted a correction in the agenda, and confirmed she is speaking on behalf of the residents of Lakewood Drive and Woodland Park Road. This correction is noted in the heading. Ms. Mills requested that the speed limit on Lakewood Drive and Woodland Park Road be reduced, due to increased traffic volumes and vehicle speed, and more people visiting and parking in the area due to Council Beach. Ms. Mills noted that many of the residents in the area support a speed limit reduction.

Director of Operations Shawn Carey advised that the 2009 Engineering Standards provide a range of speed limits based on road classification and traffic volume. Committee member John White noted that speed limit considerations should be outlined in the Transportation Master Plan document.

Committee member Andrew Siegwart left the meeting briefly between 1:22 p.m. and 1:23 p.m.

Ms. Mills noted water levels have heightened the popularity at Council Beach; the higher water levels have eliminated a marshy area of the beach.

Councillor Sampson noted there may be a need to consider interim speed reduction before the Master Transportation Plan is realized and finalized.

Councillor Sampson thanked Ms. Mills for the presentation.

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.

B.2.1 Bill Abbotts, Resident

Bill Abbotts, Resident provided comments regarding the requests for speed reduction on the August 18, 2020 agenda. Mr. Abbotts noted his belief that traffic calming strategies and strict enforcement of the current maximum speeds would be far more effective and efficient than reduction in speed limits. Mr. Abbotts noted most people drive to the perceived conditions, not to speed signs. Centre line painting is an economical means of making the road seem narrower and therefore drivers slow down. Mr. Abbotts advised that when Bruce Street is closed, a lot of traffic is diverted to his street. Mr. Abbotts noted he and his neighbours park cars on the street to create a chicane which dramatically slows through traffic. Mr. Abbotts provided the following links for Committee members and members of the public regarding traffic calming:

https://trafficlogix.com/how-traffic-calming-works/?gclid=EAlalQobChMIOnxtM2f6wIVFsDICH2S8g2CEAAYASAAEgJxivD_BwE#Overview

<https://www.ite.org/technical-resources/traffic-calming/traffic-calming-measures/>

B.3 Staff Reports, if any

None

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 Consideration and Appointment of Vice-Chair for the Transportation Committee

Moved by: Andrew Siegart

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Transportation Committee appoints John White as the Vice-Chair of the Transportation Committee for an eighteen-month term effective August 18, 2020

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay

The motion is Carried.

C.2 Transportation Master Plan Terms of Reference and Phasing Update

NOTE: at the August 10, 2020 Council meeting, Council resolved as follows:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges the July 21, 2020 recommendation of the Transportation Committee, being:

THAT the Transportation Committee accepts the draft Transportation Master Plan Terms of Reference, as developed by the sub-committee, and advises Council to direct staff to convert the Terms of Reference into a comprehensive Request for Proposal for release in accordance with the Town's Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy POL.COR.07.05;

AND THAT the Transportation Committee advises Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains to grant an exemption from the Town of The Blue Mountains Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy, POL.COR.07.05, to appoint John White or designate of the Transportation Advisory Committee to advise during the Transportation Master Plan RFP selection process;

AND THAT, due to the time-sensitive nature of this request, the matter be brought to Council at the August 10, 2020 Council meeting for consideration;

AND THAT, in response, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains approves a one-time exemption from the Town's Purchasing of Goods and Services Policy, POL.COR.07.05 and appoints John White or designate of the Transportation Committee to advise during the Transportation Master Plan RFP selection process, CARRIED.

C.3 Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Update – Director of Operations Shawn Carey (verbal)

C.6 Introduction of Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator – Shawn Carey

Items C.3 and C.6 were discussed jointly.

Director of Operations Shawn Carey introduced Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser and highlighted his municipal experience with Town of Wasaga Beach. Shawn noted that Adam’s primary priority is the Transportation Master Plan. John White is listed as the committee advisor for the Request for Proposal document and will be consulted throughout the process of converting the Terms of Reference into a fulsome Request for Proposal. Shawn Carey advised the Request for Proposal should be finalized within the next two (2) weeks.

The Committee welcomed Adam Fraser.

C.4 Highway 26 (Craigleith area) Speed Reduction Update – Shawn Carey

NOTE: at the August 10, 2020 Council meeting, Council resolved as follows:

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges the July 21, 2020 recommendation of the Transportation Committee, being:

THAT the Transportation Committee urgently requests Council to conduct independent assessments of the Highway 26 (Craigleith area) speed reduction and impact with follow up provided to the Committee and community for information;

AND THAT, given the time-sensitive nature of this request, the Committee requests this matter be directed to Council at the August 10, 2020 Council meeting, and immediately to the Mayor, Carried.

AND THAT, in response, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains directs staff to conduct independent assessments of the Highway 26 (Craigleith area) speed reduction and impact with follow up provided to the Transportation Committee, and the community for information purposes, CARRIED.

Moved by: Andrew Siegwart

Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee request staff to allocate up to \$10,000 from the Master Transportation Plan budget for the Highway 26 (Craigleith area) speed reduction independent assessment and request the Ministry of Transportation to match that amount for a total budget of up to \$20,000;

And that the Transportation Committee request the Mayor send a letter to MTO outlining the general scope of the study with the letter circulated to the committee members prior to being issued;

AND THAT the Committee requests this matter be considered at the August 24, 2020 Council meeting

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegwart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent

Sampson, Rob Yay
The motion is Carried.

C.5 Transportation Committee Action Item Tracking

- Grey Road 19/Grey Road 21/Simcoe Road 34 Report – John White
- Grey County Cycling and Trails Master Plan Presentation
- Grey County Comments re: Bruce St/Hwy 26 Centre-Line Configuration
- Transportation Master Plan and Project Coordinator
- Traffic Light Sequencing History and Alternatives – Pedestrian Crosswalk and Bruce Street/Highway 26 Intersection
- Operations Project Updates, as warranted
- Bridge Closure Requirements

C.6 Introduction of Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator – Shawn Carey

Discussed earlier in the agenda at Item C.3.

C.7 Consideration of a Cycling Sub-Committee – Shawn Carey

Shawn Carey noted the motion below regarding establishment of a cycling sub-committee is brought forward by Town staff as it may be helpful to have interaction with staff and the sub-committee as the active transportation component of the Transportation Master Plan is developed. Executive Assistant Sarah Merrifield confirmed that, per the Committee’s Terms of Reference, members of the public can sit on sub-committees. Committee member Andrew Siegart questioned where the request was originating, and whether the cycling community felt removed from the Transportation Master Plan process. It was reinforced that all community stakeholders should be consulted throughout the Master Plan development process. Shawn Carey noted commentary regarding cycling, not specific to this committee, but in general, led staff to feel a sub-committee for cycling could be beneficial. Shawn noted however that this could be achieved through general stakeholder engagement, through development of a sub-committee, or through the Committee’s review.

The Committee determined that establishment of a sub-committee is not needed at this time, and did not consider the motion noted below.

Recommended (Moved by, Seconded by)

THAT the Transportation Committee establish a cycling sub-committee composed of (list two members, one of whom is a member of Council) and members of the public for the purpose of assisting with development and potential implementation of the active transportation component of the Master Transportation Plan.

The Transportation Committee resolved as follows:

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee receives Item C.7 Consideration of a Cycling Sub-Committee and requests continued consultation with the cycling community and other stakeholders be included in the Transportation Master Plan process

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegwart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay

The motion is Carried.

D. Correspondence

Moved by: Andrew Siegwart

Seconded by: John White

THAT, in response to the deputation and correspondence received at the August 18, 2020 Committee meeting, the Transportation Committee request Council direct staff to investigate interim solutions, if any, relating to speed reduction and traffic calming in areas of the Town that may include Lakewood Drive, Woodland Park Road, Kandahar Lane, 39th Sideroad, Sleepy Hollow Road, Bay Street East, or other “traffic pinch points” as have or may be identified in the future;

AND THAT these interim solutions be considered in the Master Transportation Plan, with any interim solutions that are enacted to expire following approval of the Master Transportation Plan

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegwart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay

The motion is Carried.

Director of Operations Shawn Carey vacated the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

D.1 Rick Sirianni, Resident Re: Kandahar Lane Vehicle Speed

For Committee consideration

D.2 Maleine Fredricks, Resident
Re: Georgian Trail Bikes and Pedestrians

For Committee consideration

Moved by: Andrew Siegart

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Transportation Committee refer correspondence item D.2 Maleine Fredricks, Resident Re: Georgian Trail Bikes and Pedestrians to Council for response

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay

The motion is Carried.

D.3 Janet and David Moser, Residents
Re: Speed Limit of 39th Sideroad and Other Concerns

For Committee consideration

D.4 Deena Dolan, Resident
Re: 39th Sideroad Transportation Concerns

For Committee consideration – also referred to Operations Department and Council

D.5 Collin Farrow, Resident
Re: Traffic Concern at Sleepy Hollow Road

For Committee consideration

D.6 Bill Abbotts, on Behalf of South Georgian Bay Cycling Coalition
Re: Transportation Advisory Committee meeting July 21, 2020

For Committee consideration

Moved by: John White

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Transportation Committee receive correspondence item D.6 Bill Abbotts, on Behalf of South Georgian Bay Cycling Coalition Re: Transportation Advisory Committee meeting July 21, 2020 with thanks, and refers to staff for consideration during the Transportation Master Plan

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay

The motion is Carried.

D.7 Bruce Taylor, Resident
Re: Excessive Vehicle Speeds along Bay Street East between Mill and Elgin Streets

For Committee consideration

D.8 Mayor Alar Soever
Re: Correspondence Received from Ministry of Transportation regarding Highway 26 Speed Reduction

For Committee information

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee receives correspondence item D.8 Mayor Soever
Re: Correspondence Received from Ministry of Transportation regarding Highway 26
Speed Reduction

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegwart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay

The motion is Carried.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to the Agenda

E.1.1 John White Suggested Motions

John White provided a memo to the Committee with suggested motions for Council consideration relating to Sight Lines at Georgian Trail road intersections for both Georgian Trail and Vehicular Roadway Users and Construction and Contractor Vehicle Parking outside Project Sites on assumed Town Streets. After some discussion regarding the Committee's role and staff's role, it was requested the matter be included on the September 15, 2020 meeting agenda for further review and consideration.

John Ardiel vacated the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

- Traffic Light Sequencing History and Alternatives – Pedestrian Crosswalk and Bruce Street/Highway 26 Intersection
- John White Suggested Motions

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

September 15, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Andrew Siegwart

Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee does now adjourn at 3:23 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair

Ardiel, John	absent
Siegwart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay

The motion is Carried.