



# Minutes

## Transportation Committee

**Meeting Date:** October 13, 2020  
**Meeting Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
**Prepared by:** Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

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### A. Call to Order

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Councillor Rob Sampson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. with Committee members Andrew Siegwart and John White present. Committee member John Ardiel joined the meeting at 1:16 p.m. and Committee member Councillor Jim Uram joined the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

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

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

Moved by: John White

Seconded by: Andrew Siegwart

THAT the Agenda of October 13, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item E.1.1 Unassumed Trails in Town, E.1.2 Opening of Sideroad 11 (unopened road allowance) as Construction Road, Item E.1.3 Parking By-law Comment, and Item E.1.4 Transportation Master Plan Update

Ardiel, John	absent
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 (September 15, 2020)**

Moved by: John White

Seconded by: Andrew Siegart

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

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

The motion is Carried.

**B. Staff Reports and Deputations**

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**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**

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**C.1 Victoria and Louisa Streets Reconstruction Traffic Study Report – Construction Coordinator Michael G. Campbell, C.E.T.**

NOTE: Included for information is the report summary

The Committee discussed the Victoria and Louisa Streets Reconstruction Traffic Study Report. The recommendation is to close Beaver Street between Louisa and Victoria Streets and reworking the entry for Foodland/LCBO. All works in Beaver/Victoria intersection were put in on a temporary basis and would be reworked during Victoria and Louisa Streets Reconstruction.

It was noted staff are looking for the Committee's recommendation on how to proceed on this matter. The Committee requested clarification on why the triangular piece of property was not addressed when Foodland/LCBO was being developed. It was noted the triangular piece of property is privately owned.

John Ardiel joined the meeting at 1:16 p.m.

John White noted the recommendations require using the triangular piece of property which is challenging when the Town does not own the property. John further noted this area is a major access point for the agricultural and apple growing community, and any impact on that traffic should be considered. John commented that the traffic study was conducted one day during shoulder season, following the busiest portion of apple season. He noted the methodology of the traffic study is problematic. Michael noted the 11<sup>th</sup> Line and 10<sup>th</sup> Line were reconstructed to handle agricultural vehicle volume and the intersection at Beaver Street must be addressed. In addition, work is needed to install stormwater intersection in the area. Shawn Carey noted the opportunity exists to work with Foodland to address the intersection issues.

John Ardiel noted the real, long-term solution is to develop an alternate route from Grey Road 13 to Highway 26 with a roundabout to move the agricultural vehicles.

Regarding the traffic study and date chosen to gather traffic data, Michael noted the engineer added population projections into the data, extrapolated to envision community growth. The Committee noted it is possible the traffic data is underestimating the actual traffic volume.

The priority is determining if the triangular piece of land can be used.

Moved by: Andrew Siegwart

Seconded by: John Ardiel

THAT the Transportation Committee receives Item C.1 Victoria and Louisa Streets Reconstruction Traffic Study Report

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegwart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	absent
Sampson, Rob	Yay
The motion is Carried.	

**C.2 Staff Follow-up re: Pedestrian Crosswalk (Bridge St) and Traffic Light (Bruce/Arthur Streets) Sequencing – Director of Operations Shawn Carey**

**C.5 Traffic Light Sequencing History and Alternatives – Pedestrian Crosswalk and Bruce Street/Highway 26 Intersection**

Note: Item C.2 and C.5 considered at the same time as they are related items.

Councillor Jim Uram joined the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

Moved by: John White

Seconded by: Andrew Siegwart

THAT the Transportation Committee request Council to endorse the Operation Department's recommendation with respect to light sequencing at the pedestrian crosswalk (Bridge St) and the intersection at Bruce St/Highway 26, being:

- Shorten the pedestrian crosswalk time from 35s to 17s, and ultimately (upon approval by Grey County) with the crosswalk not activating when the Bruce St/Highway 26 lights (East/West) is green;
- Shorten the light time for traffic heading North-South through the Bruce St/Highway 26 intersection to allow priority for vehicles heading East/West upon approval by Grey County;
- For safety reasons, the barriers be reinstalled for the 2021 season, and/or "no stopping" signs be erected at Bridge St;

AND THAT the Transportation Committee requests this matter be sent directly to Council October 19, 2020

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

The motion is Carried.

### **C.3 Bruce Street/Arthur Street Centre-Line Configuration – Shawn Carey**

Re-establishment of the centre-line configuration would require consultation by Ministry of Transportation and County of Grey and would also require a traffic study. Committee member John Ardiel noted the centre-line was previously installed three feet to the left to allow for vehicles to pass on the right. Councillor Jim Uram noted this matter is a safety issue. Shawn Carey noted he will report back on this matter to explain the history of why the line painting was reconfigured.

### **C.4 Grey Road 19 and Grey Road 21 Assessment Update**

Shawn Carey confirmed staff have contacted Grey County for a joint Council/Transportation Committee presentation to provide more information on the Grey Road 19/Grey Road 21 Assessment. The Committee noted the Crosswinds/Grey Road 19 corridor needs to be included in the discussion. Shawn confirmed staff will be prepared to take questions with respect to roundabouts and relocation of Town infrastructure. The meeting date has not been determined but will be communicated when known.

Moved by: Andrew Siegwart

Seconded by: John White

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

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

The motion is Carried.

**C.6 Consideration of All-Terrain Vehicle By-law under the *Highway Traffic Act* – Councillor Jim Uram**

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee requests Council to direct staff to provide a follow-up report re: all potential options for off road vehicles use on municipal roadways, as permitted under the *Highway Traffic Act* for Committee consideration

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

The motion is Carried.

**C.7 Follow-up Resolutions from Council**

NOTE: the following resolutions were passed at the October 5, 2020 Council meeting:

**(a)** THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges receipt of Transportation Committee items B.1.1, D.1, D.3 to D.5, and D.7, and, further to the Transportation Committee’s recommendation, directs 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, CARRIED.

**(b)** THAT Council refers the matter of control of Bruce Street, Marsh Street and Matilda Street in The Blue Mountains, to The Blue Mountains Transportation Committee for consideration in the context of a road swap with Grey County;

AND THAT the report from the Transportation Committee will be included on the October 19, 2020 Council Meeting for Council consideration, CARRIED.

Councillor Sampson reviewed the two motions passed by Council, as noted above.

**C.8 October 5, 2020 Council Motion regarding Control of Bruce, Marsh, and Matilda Streets**

At the October 5, 2020 Council meeting, Council resolved as follows:

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Jim Uram

That Council refers the matter of control of Bruce Street, Marsh Street and Matilda Street in The Blue Mountains, to The Blue Mountains Transportation Committee for consideration in the context of a road swap with Grey County;

AND THAT the report from the Transportation Committee will be included on the October 19, 2020 Council Meeting for Council consideration, CARRIED.

**Council requests the Committee's input and recommendation through a Committee of Council report to the October 19, 2020 Council meeting.**

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: John White

THAT, with respect to the October 5, 2020 Council Motion regarding Control of Bruce, Marsh, and Matilda Streets, the Transportation Committee supports Council's interest in the road swap and requests Council to proceed with discussions with Grey County on this subject as soon as possible, and outside of the Transportation Master Plan process

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

The motion is Carried.

**D. Correspondence**

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**D.1 Dr. Wayne Pulver  
Re: Bruce Street/Highway 26 (Arthur Street) Traffic Light Sequencing**

Andrew Siegwart vacated the meeting briefly between 2:36 p.m. and 2:37 p.m. due to a technical difficulty.

Moved by: John White

Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT the Transportation Committee receives Item D.1 Dr. Wayne Pulver Re: Bruce Street/Highway 26 (Arthur Street) Traffic Light Sequence

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

The motion is Carried.

**D.2 Ken Key, Resident**

**Re: Request for Installation of No Parking/No Stopping Signs at Lakeshore Road East**

Moved by: Andrew Siegwart

Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT the Transportation Committee receives Item D.2 Ken Key, Resident Re: Request for Installation of No Parking / No Stopping Signs at Lakeshore Road East and forwards to staff for inclusion when the temporary parking by-law is brought back to Council

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

The motion is Carried.

**D.3 Blue Mountain Community Church**

**Re: Letter to Grey County requesting a Setback Exemption**

Moved by: John Ardiel

Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Committee receives Item D.3 Blue Mountain Community Church Re: Letter to Grey County requesting a Setback Exemption

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

The motion is Carried.

**D.4 Ministry of Transportation**

**Re: Response to Mayor Soever – Highway 26 Speed Limit Reduction and Request to Collect Traffic Data**

For Committee information

## **E. New and Unfinished Business**

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### **E.1 Additions to the Agenda**

#### **E.1.1 Unassumed Trails in Town**

#### **E.1.2 Opening of Sideroad 11 (unopened road allowance) as Construction Road**

#### **E.1.3 Parking By-law Comment**

Items E.1.1, E.1.2, and E.1.3 deferred to the November 2020 agenda

#### **E.1.4 Transportation Master Plan Update**

The Transportation Master Plan Request for Proposal closes November 5, 2020. Members of the evaluation group will review responses until the week of November 16, 2020 with expected contract award the week of November 23, 2020. Following this, the contract will commence in December 2020.

### **E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

- **History of Why Centre-line Configuration at Highway 26/Bruce Street (turning left onto Bruce Street) was Changed**
- **Grey County/Town presentation re: Grey Road 19/21 Assessment and Grey Road 19 Traffic Corridor**
- **Items E.1.1, E.1.2, E.1.3**

## **F. Notice of Meeting Dates**

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November 10, 2020  
Town Hall, Council Chambers

## **G. Adjournment**

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Moved by: Andrew Siegwart

Seconded by: Jim Uram

THAT the Transportation Committee does now adjourn at 2:54 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair

Ardiel, John	Yay
Siegwart, Andrew	Yay
White, John	Yay
Uram, Jim	Yay
Sampson, Rob	Yay
The motion is Carried.	