

Minutes

Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force

April 4, 2024

Present: Councillor Scott Greig, Councillor Kevin Eccles, Councillor Sue Carleton, Councillor Scott Mackey, Councillor Andrea Matrosovs, Councillor Paul McQueen, Warden Brian Milne

Staff Present: Kim Wingrove, CAO, Randy Scherzer, Deputy CAO, Tara Warder, Clerk, Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance, Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services, Sharon Melville, Administration Manager, Jim Nicoll, Operations Manager, Trevor Ireton, Project Planning Engineer, Shaun Anthony, Operations Senior Supervisor, Mandy Ferguson, Administrative Coordinator, Brandon McTaggart, Contract and Records Coordinator, Lacey Thompson, Law Clerk/Real Estate Coordinator, Robert Hatten, Manager of Communications, Sarah Goldrup, Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force met at the County Administration Building on the above date. The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with all members present. Councillors Eccles and McQueen participated electronically.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Delegations

There were no delegations.

4. Items For Direction or Discussion

4.a TR-UR-14-24 - Rural Road Transfer and Exchange Considerations, TR-UR-14-24

Pat Hoy presented the considerations of rural road transfers and exchanges to the Committee. The Director reviewed the rural road transfer

recommendations in Chatsworth, West Grey, Southgate, and Georgian Bluffs. The Director explained the roads being uploaded and downloaded, the tentative exchange timeframes, the estimated completion in 2027, and the anticipated construction required.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff discussed long-term planning for sustainable infrastructure maintenance and the need to upgrade some infrastructure to meet service standards associated with traffic on County roads and reduce potential hazards.

Further, Pat Hoy spoke about additional transfer considerations, such as the administrative burden, funding future capital construction, civic addressing, maintenance, and bridge ownership. The Director explained the financial implications of rural road transfers and the next steps, including future Committee meetings, reports to the County Council, public meetings, and meetings with the partner municipalities.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff discussed the cost of ongoing maintenance requirements for existing infrastructure and upgrading infrastructure to County standards. Further, staff explained considerations for seeing the work completed before 2027 and the implications of County local versus collector road designations. The Director explained that the main goal is to set a long-term plan for road transfers and that the schedules and agreements for completing the required work can be developed.

Kim Wingrove spoke about the previous Transportation Master Plan and the Task Force's goal of ensuring the continued safe and efficient movement of people and goods on County roads. The CAO noted that uncertainty on these matters complicates infrastructure planning and investment and confirmed that staff will move ahead as quickly as possible as we continue to invest in existing infrastructure.

Staff discussed road capital projects that might get bumped or adjusted due to transfers, offsetting service enhancements and the investment in improvements to the road network, surface materials, and opportunities for the County to assist in updating civic addressing and supporting businesses with any necessary changes. Staff confirmed that they would provide more details about what informed the estimated 2027 exchange date, as well as considerations for boundary bridges and bridges requiring replacement.

Members of the Task Force expressed interest in information that can be shared with member municipalities and members of the public that anticipates questions regarding this process, including history of this initiative, future transfers, how this process has been informed by road use and studies, and safety, sustainability, and commuter improvements enabled by the transfers.

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Moved by: Councillor Carleton

Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That report regarding Rural Road Transfer and Exchange Considerations be received; and

That staff bring forward a summary report and recommendations as directed by the task force, for both urban and rural road transfers to the next task force meeting.

Carried

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Other Business

There was no other business.

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is yet to be determined.

8. Adjournment

The Urban Road and Road Exchange Task Force adjourned at 3:00 p.m. to the call of the Chair.