

Report to Council

Report Title:	Grey County Transit Route and Bruce County Master Transportation Plan		
Prepared By:	Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations		
Department:	Operations		
Date:	August 25, 2020		
Report Number:	PW2020-24	File Number:	C11PW
Attachments:	County of Bruce Notice of Study Commencement and Public Information Centre Master Transportation Plan		

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2020-24 – Grey County Transit Route and Bruce County Master Transportation Plan, prepared by Gregg Furtney, Director of Operations, for information purposes.

Report:

Background:

Grey County Transit Route – Ms. Stephanie Stewart, Manager of Community Transportation for the County of Grey, contacted Staff on August 13th, 2020 to discuss if there was interest from the Municipality of Brockton for a bus stop, on the Grey Transit Route (GTR) along County Road 4, in Walkerton. The route would run from Durham to Walkerton multiple times a day, two days a week, with an additional stop in Flesherton. Flesherton will act as a hub for the GTR and allows for patron transfers either up to Owen Sound or down to Orangeville, with stops in between.

Grey County received approximately \$2.3 million in funding in partnership with the Township of Southgate in May of 2019 to enhance transportation for all residents. In January 2020, County of Grey staff, under the direction of Grey County Council, began investigating the costs associated with implementing an additional transit route along County Road 4 between Durham and Walkerton. Grey County Council decided it would fund this additional route.

A media release from Grey County is forthcoming.

Bruce County Master Transportation Plan – Bruce County is initiating a Master Transportation Plan and have hired RJ Burnside and Associates as the project managers. Part of this study is public input and engagement. Bruce County and RJ Burnside are asking for input. An online Public Information Center is being established on

the Bruce County website. Presentation and engagement material will be available starting September 2nd, 2020. Feedback is due by Wednesday September 30th, 2020. The Notice of Study Commencement is attached.

Analysis:

Grey County Transit Route - Staff will be discussing options for the bus stop location, within Walkerton, with the County of Grey and once more information related to the operation has been received staff will provide a report to Council. This will likely include some formal agreement. The anticipated start date for the new GTR is in early October.

Bruce County Master Transportation Plan – Members of Council, staff, and residents are all encouraged to participate in the Bruce County Master Transportation Plan Study. If Members of Council wish to forward their comments and feedback to staff, they can do so by Monday September 28th, 2020, and those comments will be consolidated and formally forwarded to the County and RJ Burnside.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Gregory Furtney, Director of Operations

Reviewed By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sonya Watson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer