



Staff Report to Council - for Direction

Title: Grey Transit Route #5 - Memorandum of Understanding with South Bruce Peninsula & Grey County for Service in 2024

From: Claire Dodds, Commissioner of Community Development

Date: June 12, 2024

Staff Recommendation:

Council authorize the Clerk and Warden to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Grey and the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula for the Sauble Beach extension of Grey Transit Route #5 between May to September 2024; and

Council authorize the Clerk and Warden to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Grey and the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula for the operation of Grey Transit Route #5 between Owen Sound and Wiarton until the end of 2024.

Report Summary:

This report outlines the authorization required by Council to have the Clerk and Warden enter into memorandums of understanding with Grey County and the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula to fund and operate Grey Transit #5 until the end of 2024.

Background:

Grey County currently operates the Grey Transit Route# 5 between Owen Sound and Wiarton. During the summer months (May 18 to September 2nd), the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula and the County of Bruce share costs 50/50 to extend Grey Transit Route #5 to extend the route from Wiarton to Sauble Beach (\$41,500). Three trips are offered each day between Owen Sound - Wiarton - Sauble Beach.

Grey County has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish the terms of service and funding for the extension to Sauble Beach from May - September 2024. This MOU has been entered into by both Grey County and the Municipality of South Bruce Peninsula. A council resolution is required to authorize the Clerk and Warden to execute the MOU.

Staff have reviewed the MOU for the summer extension and is satisfied that it includes reasonable terms of service and is consistent with the funding in the 2024 to cover the cost of the Sauble Beach extension.

In February 2024, Grey County Council had approved a report that would have seen Grey Transit Route #5 end in September 2024.

In March 2024, Council approved a resolution to reallocate \$26,500 from the Business Sustainability Loan, left unspent on the Transit Demand & Feasibility Study, to fund 50% of Grey Transit Route #5 from Wiarton to Owen Sound for the remainder of 2024. South Bruce Peninsula will fund the other 50% to have Grey County maintain this service until the end of 2024.

Staff have requested Grey County prepare a second MOU to detail the terms of service and funding for this timeframe.

Staff are seeking a Council resolution that would also authorize the Clerk and Warden to execute the MOU that would cover the service period from September to December 2024.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/IT Considerations:

The funds to support the extension of service to Sauble Beach (\$41,500), and the operation of Grey Transit Route #5 between Wiarton and Owen Sound until the end of 2024 (\$26,500) have already been included in the 2024 budget.

The MOU establishes the terms and conditions, as well as the funding contributions from Bruce County for the service.

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Consultation with the Community Development Office, Corporate Services and the Office of the CAO.

Link to Strategic Goals and Objectives:

Community and Partnerships - Enhance and grow partnerships

Environment and Climate Change - Build capacity to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change

Link to Departmental Plan Goals and Objectives, if any:

Not Applicable

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Departmental Approval:

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