

Report TR-CW-08-17

To: Warden Barfoot and Members of Grey County Council
From: Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services
Meeting Date: March 9, 2017
Subject: **Dedicated Road Signs**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution CW40-17; Endorsed by County Council March 23, 2017 per Resolution CC13-17;

Recommendation

1. That Report TR-CW-08-17 be received and;
2. That Transportation Services staff install tabs on existing route markers designating alternative road names at the time that the large existing signs require replacement.

Background

There are currently 7 Grey County Roads which have been given alternate dedicated names via by-law in addition to the Grey Road number. Some of the originally installed large signs are in poor condition and require replacement. Transportation Services would like to maintain recognition of the named roads as the past councils have felt that the public service contribution was significant.

The existing signs are 152cm by 60cm (approximately 6ft by 2ft) and are installed on 2 posts. The current cost to make and install the large signs is approximately \$500, including posts. The large signs are damaged more frequently than smaller tabs on existing route markers. Grey County replaces approximately 2 of these large signs per year.

Transportation Services is proposing smaller tabs along every route marker of the dedicated section, rather than a few large signs. The tabs are 60cm by 30cm (approximately 2ft by 1ft) and cost approximately \$70 to make and install.

There are currently 25 large signs on Grey County Roads throughout the County. Identification of these roads can sometimes not be seen depending on where traffic enters the road. If Grey County replaced the large signs with the smaller tabs, there would be 60 tabs added to existing route markers.

The additional tabs could potentially increase the profile of the road name as they will be on every route marker and not just in some areas as the large signs currently are. There will be less maintenance costs for the tabs. Transportation Services is recommending that when the road signs require replacement, the smaller tabs be added to all route markers along the designated road.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/Information Technology Considerations

It is anticipated that Grey County could realize savings of \$8,300 (over the life cycle of the signs) and ongoing maintenance costs by installing the smaller tabs rather than the large signs.

Link to Strategic Goals/Priorities

The Values Statement of the approved Corporate Strategic Plan includes Fiscal Responsibility.

Attachments

Dedicated Road Sign Replacement Summary

Proposed Dedicated Road Sign Templates

Respectfully submitted by,

Patrick Hoy
Director of Transportation Services

Dedicated Road Sign Replacement Summary

Grey Road	Limits	Road Designation	By-Law	# of Large Signs (existing or required)	# of Route Markers
7	Grey Road 13 to Hwy 26	Eric Winkler Parkway	2759-76	4	10
9	Hwy 6 to Hwy 10	Agnes Macphail Road	4473-08	6	8
10	Grey Road 9 to the north limit of Neustadt	David Winkler Parkway	3006	2	2
17	Grey Road 17 from 17B to 17A	Gordon Sutherland Parkway	4036-03	1	4
17B	Alpha Street to 13th Street West	Nicol's Gully	4257-05	2	2
40	Hwy 26 to Grey Bruce Line	David McNichol Parkway	3320-91	8	30
112	Hwy 26 to the Meaford Land Forces Training Base	Valour Road	4472-08	2	4
Total				25	60
Cost per Unit				\$500	\$70
Total Cost				\$12,500	\$4,200

Proposed Dedicated Road Sign Templates

