



# Committee Report

## Report TR-CW-02-17

**To:** Warden Barfoot and Members of Grey County Council  
**From:** Graham Wilson, Maintenance Manager  
**Meeting Date:** January 12, 2017  
**Subject:** **Boundary Road Agreement Bruce County 2015-2025 and Boundary Road Agreement Simcoe County 2016-2021**  
**Status:** Recommendation adopted by Committee of the Whole as presented per Resolution CW01-17; Endorsed by County Council January 26, 2017 per Resolution CC05-17;

### Recommendation

1. That Report TR-CW-02-17 be received and the Warden and Clerk are authorized to execute the following Boundary Road agreements with:
  - The County of Bruce for the Grey/Bruce Line, Grey Road 1 and Grey Road 4; and
  - The County of Simcoe for Grey Roads 19, 21, 31, and 124 between the County of Grey and the County of Simcoe; and
2. That the appropriate by-laws be prepared for Council's consideration.

### Background

Grey County routinely enters into boundary road agreements with our member municipalities, and neighbouring counties and municipalities. This is done to make the most efficient use of resources and save taxpayer dollars on shared boundary roads.

Grey County has been updating and standardizing all of its Boundary Road Agreements to include year round maintenance and construction operations.

### Bruce County Boundary Road Agreement

The previous maintenance agreement with Bruce County expired September 2015. The previous winter maintenance agreement expired April 2016. A letter of interim

responsibilities was forwarded to Bruce County confirming both parties will operate in good faith according to the terms of the previous agreements.

Grey County maintains the Grey/Bruce Line from Grey Road 25 (Scone), south to the County of Wellington.

Bruce County maintains Grey Road 25 (Scone) north to Highway 6 (Hepworth)

This agreement also covers a section of Grey Road 4 on the west side of Hanover and a section of Grey Road 1 on the east side of Wiarton.

## Simcoe County Boundary Road Agreement

Grey County and Simcoe County historically have entered into a maintenance agreement on the boundary roads between the two Counties known as Grey Road 19, Grey Road 21 (Simcoe Road 34), Grey Road 31 (Simcoe Road 95) and Grey Road 124 (Simcoe Road 124 and Simcoe Road 95).

The previous boundary road agreement expired September 2016.

A letter of interim responsibilities was forwarded to Simcoe County confirming both parties will operate in good faith according to the terms of the proposed agreement.

In past agreements, Grey County completed the annual maintenance of the boundary roads between each County with the costs shared equally between the bordering parties.

This agreement has Grey County completing the annual maintenance of Grey Roads 31 and 124; Simcoe County is carrying out annual maintenance of Grey Roads 19 and 21.

Grey County is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the traffic signals at Grey Roads 19 and 21.

Each of the counties is responsible for one-half of all agreed capital improvements on the boundary roads

## Financial/Staffing/Legal/Information Technology Considerations

Grey County will agree to compensate Bruce County in the amount of \$15,288 for the additional (4.16) kilometres on the Bruce County portion of the boundary road. Bruce County will agree to compensate Grey County in the amount of \$2,124 for the additional (4) bridges on the Grey County portion. Each County shall invoice the other for the

costs as described above including 2016 and annually thereafter. An increase of 2% is added annually to this payment for the term of the agreement.

The Grey/Simcoe Agreement provides remuneration in the form of a lump sum payment, which represents 50% of the costs for summer and winter maintenance on each of the boundary roads. Grey County shall invoice Simcoe County \$69,911.16 for 2016. Moving forward with the terms of the proposed agreement, which includes a reduction in the number of kilometres serviced by Grey County, Grey County shall invoice Simcoe County \$41,773.83 annually. An increase of 2% is added annually to this payment for the term of the agreement.

Each party at its own expense maintains liability insurance during the term of the agreement.

## Link to Strategic Goals/Priorities

The agreement is in tune with a continued good working relationship between Bruce and Grey Counties, and Simcoe and Grey Counties. This continues to meet with Corporate Strategic Goal 5.2; to collaborate with other governments to improve delivery of County services.

## Attachments

[Boundary Road Agreement Bruce County \(Fall 2015 to September 30, 2025\)](#)

[Boundary Road Agreement Simcoe County \(2016 - 2021\)](#)

Respectfully submitted by,

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Director Sign Off: *Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation Services*