



MINUTES (Unapproved)
68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association
Saturday May 17, 2014
Best Western Plus Valemount Inn & Suites
Valemount, British Columbia
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. PDT
CHAIR, President Lorraine Martin

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM PDT by President Lorraine Martin

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded:Ralph Roy/Willow MacDonald that the Agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Moved/Seconded:Zach Jeffries/Lachlan Cummine that the Minutes of the 2013 AGM be approved as circulated. CARRIED

4. RECEIVE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moved/Seconded:Ralph Roy/Ken Starchuck that the Minutes from the 2013-2014 Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings be received as circulated. CARRIED

5. OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

1) President's Report

- i. Lorraine Martin provided a verbal report.
- ii. In thanking everyone for their efforts in moving the TCYHA agenda forward Lorraine indicated that she is looking forward to continued cooperation.
- iii. All those volunteering their time for the benefit of the TCYHA and the Administration who had handled some challenging situations most admirably were thanked.

2) Activities Report & Report on 2013 Resolutions

- i. A written report was previously circulated. (Copy on File)
- ii. The challenges in dealing with a changing office location were noted
- iii. One key highlight was the arranging of a very successful meeting with the Manitoba Federal PC Caucus and their assurance and assistance in helping the TCYHA address issues pertaining to TC#16 in Manitoba.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2013 REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- 1) Financial Statements were circulated. (Copy on File)
- 2) A question was raised with respect to Note 6, Commitments; it was replied to indicating that this relates to the 2014 Fiscal Year and not the 2013.

Moved/Seconded:Ray Orr/Jack Wright that the 2013 Financial Statements be approved. CARRIED

- 3) The Budget for 2014, as approved by the Outgoing Board, was discussed. (Copy on File)

Moved/Seconded:Ray Orr/Jack Wright that the 2014 Budget be approved. CARRIED

7. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL REVIEW FOR 2014

Moved/Seconded:Jack Wright/Bud Sigurdson that Dorwood and Company be appointed to conduct the 2014 Financial Statements Review. CARRIED

8. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

- 1) With the incoming President scheduled to come from the Alberta Caucus, their recommendation was presented.

Moved/Seconded:Tammy Strang/Clint McCulough that Greg Pasychny serve as the 2014/15 President of the TCYHA. CARRIED

- 2) It was noted that the position of President-Elect for the 2014/15 term (to serve as President for the 2015/16 term) is scheduled to come from the Saskatchewan Caucus.

President Pasychny assumes the Chair

9. PROVINCIAL CAUCUS REPORTS

1) Manitoba

- i. VP Ray Orr provided a verbal report
- ii. The issue with the Manitoba highway improvement strategy with respect to passing lanes was noted.
- iii. The damaged billboard at Portage La Prairie has been dismantled; there is no plan to replace it as there is no funding available.
- iv. Given the current action in Manitoba where smaller municipalities are being amalgamated and there is some uncertainty as to what that might look like in so far as TCYHA membership the MB Caucus agreed to leave their Directorships as status quo for 2014/15.
 1. The four MB Directors are as follows:
 - a. Vice President – Ray Orr (term ending 2015)
 - b. Merv Starzyk – term ending 2015
 - c. Bud Sigurdson – term ending 2015
 - d. Brent Burton – term ending 2015

2) Alberta

- i. VP Tammy Strang presented a verbal report
- ii. The Alberta Caucus discussed the upcoming Resolution concerning the highway being recognized as a route of National Significance and the positive impact that would have on current projects in Edmonton (Yellowhead Trail free-flow) and Saskatoon (North Bridge) as well as an incentive for additional projects.
- iii. The AB Caucus feels that the intersection at #16 and Secondary Highway #897 (Kitscoty) still needs to be looked at from the perspective of safety.
- iv. The intersection at #16 and #36 should be seeing improvements in the near future.
- v. Alberta, and the City of Edmonton in particular, is looking forward to hosting the 2015 Conference. Dates have not been set as consideration needs to be given to other provincial conferences, in particular the BC NCLGA.
- vi. Vermilion would be willing to host the Mid Term Board meeting.
- vii. The seven AB Directors for 2014/05 were confirmed. They are:
 1. Vice President – Bev Esslinger, Councillor, Edmonton (term ending 2015)
 2. Director – Paul Smith, Councillor, Strathcona County (2015)
 3. Director – Helen Kelleher-Empy, Councillor, Jasper (2016)
 4. Director – Chris Short, Corporate Member, Nova Hotels, Edmonton (2016)
 5. Director – Daniel Warawa, Deputy Reeve, Lamont County (2015)

6. Director – Clint McCullough, Councillor, Vermilion (2015)
7. TCYHA President – Greg Pasychny, Mayor, Edson, AB (2015)

3) British Columbia

- i. Lorraine Martin presented a verbal report
- ii. The Caucus reviewed issues pertaining to signage and highway infrastructure at their meeting.
- iii. The six BC Directors were confirmed. They are:
 1. Vice President – Bill Kershaw, Director, Thompson Nicola RD (2015)
 2. Director – Shelley Wall, Corporate Member, McBride Chamber (2016)
 3. Director – Ralph Roy, Director, RD of Bulkley-Nechako (2015) (Steve Freeman Alternate)
 4. Director – Ken Starchuk, Director, RD of Fraser-Fort George (2016)
 5. Director – Sandy Salt, Councillor, Valemount (2016)
 6. TCYHA Past President – Lorraine Martin, Individual Member, McBride, BC (2015)
- iv. The BC Caucus also proposed Willow MacDonald as an alternate for Bill Kershaw and Steve Foreman as an alternate for Ralph Roy.

4) Saskatchewan

- i. Zach Jeffries reported that the SK Caucus had an informal meeting.
- ii. Discussion to be held with SK VP Randy Golden with respect to the SK Directors.
- iii. Of the five SK Directors two have been confirmed (pending said discussion with Randy) with the balance to be filled as soon as reasonably possible:
 1. Vice President – Randy Goulden, Councillor, Yorkton (TBC)
 2. Director – Zach Jeffries, Councillor, Saskatoon (2015)
 3. Director – Lachlan Cummine, Councillor, Lloydminster (2015)
 4. Director – TBA
 5. Director – TBA

Moved/Seconded: Jack Wright/Ralph Roy to accept the Caucus reports. CARRIED

10. RESOLUTIONS SESSION – Conducted by Resolutions Committee Chair

1) Resolutions - Submitted by members

i. Resolution #2014-1

SUBJECT: Designation of TCYH as route of National Significance

SUBMITTED BY: City of Edmonton

WHEREAS:

The Government of Canada has established a New Building Canada Plan to invest 53 billion dollars over the next 10 years in infrastructure. The new plan incorporates funding from the Gas Tax Fund and the GST Rebate plus other programs. Most of the funding from these sources is allocated to the Provincial and Municipal governments under established formulas. However \$4 billion has been made available to projects of national significance. It is this part of the program that the Association is seeking assistance for our members. It is presumed that projects funded under this part will have to have a broad impact for more than one province. The Association is in unique position to make representation since the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway spans four provinces and plays a critical role in the transport of goods and people for all communities along the route. As well the route already carries the distinction of being a “trans Canada” highway.

AND While Canada has a “National Highway System” that is recognized by all the Provinces and the Federal Government and designates approximately 28,000 kilometers of highways across Canada as part of that system, there is no National Highway Policy that identifies priorities and nor that identifies highways as one’s of “national significance”.

AND that this has not always been the case. In the 1950’s the Government of Canada created the Trans Canada Highway Act for the purpose of building a highway spanning the country from Atlantic to the Pacific. That highway was officially opened in 1962 by Prime Minister Diefenbaker at an event at the summit of Rogers Pass. The Trans Canada Highway Act is no longer in effect and no new national highway program has been initiated since that date. The only new initiative was the designation of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway in 1986. This designation however did not include any investment in building the highway as occurred with Trans Canada #1.

AND that the Government of Canada has invested in Trans Canada #1 over the years. Recent examples in western Canada include the twinning of the highway through Banff National Park and the improvements through the Kicking Horse Pass with the Government of British Columbia.

AND that there are a number of areas of the Yellowhead Highway that are major constrictions. Examples are parts within Jasper National Park, the Yellowhead Trail in Edmonton, the connector around the north side of Saskatoon crossing the South Saskatchewan River, etc. Some of these projects are in more advanced stages of planning than others and some are still in the idea stage. The City of Edmonton is in an advance stage of planning for the creating a free flow facility on the Yellowhead Trail and is an example of a project that may be considered of significance on a broader scale since the Yellowhead Trail is a part of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway.

AND while any project along the Yellowhead serves a local need, the total highway also serves a national need as part of the distribution system for the northern tier of western Canada communities. The Association is in unique position to advocate for the highway at the National level.

AND that the Association needs to address the question of how to demonstrate the benefit of the Yellowhead route in the same manner that Trans Canada #1 is recognized.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association make representation to the Government of Canada to designate the Trans Canada Highway as a project of national significance under the New Building Canada Plan

AND that the Association support members in making application to the Government for projects in their communities that are critical to the efficient functioning of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway.

AND that the Board of Directors assemble a list of projects that would meet the criteria for “projects of national significance” under the New Building Canada

Plan and determine a strategy for the Association to best represent the interests of the members in promoting the highway.

Moved/Seconded:Pasychny/Esslinger that Resolution 2014-1 be adopted.
CARRIED

ii. Resolution 2014-2

SUBJECT: Highway Maintenance

SUBMITTED BY: TCYHA Board

WHEREAS:

The Trans-Canada Highway is recognized as Canada's national roadway network linking communities and facilitating economic activity;

AND there is a recognized value of this highway network to our nation's economy;

AND Trans Canada #16 is a major connector between a significant portion of Western Canada's population and industry;

AND Trans Canada #16 plays an important role in the efficient movement of goods and services and provides a unique and vital tourism experience;

AND users of Trans Canada Yellowhead #16, commercial and personal, expect the same safety of travel as exists on Trans Canada #1.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the TCYHA urge the Federal and the four Western Provincial Governments to ensure that the highway maintenance standards in place for Trans Canada # 1, or higher standards where possible, be applied throughout Trans Canada # 16.

Moved/Seconded:Pasychny/Orr that Resolution 2014-2 be adopted. CARRIED

iii. Resolution 2014-3

SUBJECT: Passing Lane Strategy

SUBMITTED BY: MB Caucus

WHEREAS:

The current Passing Lane Strategy as expressed by Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation warrants passing lanes only from the junction of PH#1 (otherwise known as Trans Canada Highway #1) and PH#16 (otherwise known as Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway #16) West to Minnedosa

And the Manitoba Caucus believes that passing lanes are warranted through to the Saskatchewan border

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association lobby the Manitoba Government to, effective immediately, revise the passing lane strategy to warrant construction of passing lanes on PH#16 (Trans Canada Yellowhead #16) through to the Saskatchewan border.

Moved/Seconded:Pasychny/Sigurdson that Resolution 2014-3 be adopted.
CARRIED

iv. Resolution 2014-4

SUBJECT: Safety at Intersection of Loseth Rod and Hwy#5 in Valemount BC
SUBMITTED BY: BC Caucus

WHEREAS:

There is a potential safety issue at the intersection of BC Highway #5 and Loseth Road at the truck pull out right beside the RV Park

AND that the semi-trucks using the pull-out will often park three abreast, causing the traffic to pull out into oncoming traffic when trying to make a left hand turn with limited visibility as their sight-line is blocked by the parked trucks. This is very dangerous during peak seasons as the Highway has a 90 km speed zone

AND that the BC Ministry of Transportation staff have advised that it would cost approximately \$400,000 to install a light

AND that moving the truck pull-out further north on the Highway #5 would cost approximately \$80,000 to \$100,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association write the BC Minister of Transportation, with a copy to BC Ministry of Transportation staff Ron Marshall and Greg Bruce, to review the layout and safety of the BC Highway # and Loseth Road intersection with the view to moving the pull out further north.

Moved/Seconded:Pasychny/Starchuk that Resolution 2014-4 be adopted.
CARRIED

v. Resolution 2014-5

SUBJECT: Quality of Highway Painting Lines
SUBMITTED BY: BC Caucus

WHEREAS:

The BC Ministry of Transportation switched to an environmentally friendly paint

AND this paint loses its reflectiveness properties and peels off the highway causing safety concerns

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association lobby; the BC Ministry of Transportation to review the line-painting program to assess the quality of paint and its life span and either increase the frequency of line painting or change the quality of the paint to increase its life span.

Moved/Seconded:Pasychny/Townsend that Resolution 2014-5 be adopted.
CARRIED

vi. Resolution 2014-6

SUBJECT: Signage along BC Highways

SUBMITTED BY: BC Caucus

WHEREAS:

The BC Ministry of Transportation has no clear policy or practice of highway signage that are responsive to the needs of the communities and businesses along the transportation corridors

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association lobby the BC Government for a public consultation process to ensure that community and business needs are considered and responded to through clearly-defined policy standards and processes that are responsive to highway community needs.

Moved/Seconded:Pasychny/Roy that Resolution 2014-6 be adopted. CARRIED

- 2) Resolutions – Extraordinary or Urgent in nature
No Extraordinary Resolutions brought forward.

11. PREVIOUS BUSINESS

1) Item brought forward by Board: Capture of Yellowhead History

i. Lorraine Martin

1. Lorraine noted that there is value in capturing the history of the Yellowhead before much of it gets lost or forgotten and that said history needs to be documented.
2. One scenario for consideration would be the development of a publication that would also be a revenue source by being available for sale at key locations such as Visitor Information Centers.
3. Joanne Townsend mentioned she may have names of individual(s) who could provide valuable information; it was also noted that other Provinces would very likely have history buffs that could help move this forward.
4. More discussion is required.

12. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The 2015 Annual General Meeting to be at the Call of the Chair, pending confirmation of the date of the 2015 Annual Conference to be held in Edmonton AB.

14. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded:Tammy Strang/Shelley Wall that the 2014 Annual General Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

President Pasychny adjourned the meeting at 10:30AM PDT.

Minutes recorded by:

Signed on behalf of TCYHA:

John Wojcicki

Greg Pasychny