



MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association
Saturday April 20, 2013
Russell Inn
Russell, Manitoba

1.	CALL TO ORDER Quorum was established. Copy of the Attendance is appended. Called to Order at 9:30 AM CDT by Chair, President Merv Starzyk.	ACTION
2.	ADOPTION OF AGENDA	
2.1	MOVED/SECONDED : McCullough/Coleman that the Agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED	MOTION
3.	ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 28, 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
	MOVED/SECONDED : Coleman/Kroeker that the minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated. CARRIED	MOTION
4.	RECEIVE MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
	MOVED/SECONDED : Orr/Martin that the minutes of the Executive Committee held subsequent to the previous AGM be approved as circulated. CARRIED	MOTION
4.1	RECEIVE MINUTES FROM MEETINGS OF THE BOARD	
	MOVED/SECONDED : Orr/Martin that the minutes of the Board held subsequent to the previous AGM be approved as circulated. CARRIED	MOTION
5.	OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT	
5.1	President's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President Starzyk a verbal report commenting on the accomplishments of the Association noting that the use of technology brought into Board and Executive Committee meetings through the addition of having participation by Skype as an option made the meetings more accessible to more members; some connections issues were experienced but they are being addressed. 2. President Starzyk reinforced the importance of municipalities to continue supporting the Association and to get involved in discussions and participate the best way they can. Collectively, it was stressed, the Association is much stronger and can accomplish much more. 3. Participation in Board and Executive Committee meetings was appreciated and the meetings were productive; President Starzyk thanked all for their support as well as thanks expressed to Don and John for their support. 	
5.2	Activities Report & Report on 2012 Resolutions	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don Grimble provided a verbal report and indicated that the Special General Meeting, while not securing a quorum, did provide a very useful exercise to refine the use of technology for meeting participation and to provide the opportunity to update our membership database (always a moving target) which 	

	<p>was accomplished through personal phone calls to each and every member.</p> <p>2. The unique circumstance of being locked of our offices (through no fault of the association) was noted and this too provided the opportunity to revisit and fast-track the plans for the use of technology to store files and do so in a way to be more accessible using cloud technology.</p> <p>3. 2012 Resolutions are still being addressed.</p>	
6.	ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2012 REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
	MOVED/SECONDED::Pasychny/Butler that the Review of the 2012 Financial Statements be approved as circulated. CARRIED	MOTION
7.	APPOINTMENT OF ACCOUNTANT FOR 2013	
	MOVED/SECONDED::Bidzinski/Burton that Dorwood & Company be retained for the 2013 Financial Review. CARRIED	MOTION
8.	ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR THE 2014-2015 TERM	
	<p>The normal rotation would provide for the President-Elect for the 2013-2014 term, thereby serving as President the following term, to be nominated from the Saskatchewan Caucus.</p> <p>It was requested and agreed to defer this to a subsequent Board meeting.</p> <p>Loranne Martin will serve as President for the 2013-2014 term.</p>	MOTION
9.	PROVINCIAL CAUCUS REPORTS	
9.1	Manitoba Caucus	
	<p>1. VP Ray Orr gave a verbal report noting the selection of Manitoba Directors as follows:</p> <p>1.1. Ray Orr will serve as VP, term expiring 2014</p> <p>1.2. Bud Sigurdson, term expiring 2015</p> <p>1.3. Brent Burton, term expiring 2015</p> <p>1.4. Merv Starzyk, term expiring 2014</p> <p>2. Resolutions discussed at the Caucus session were briefly reviewed noting that the requested delay in the intersection of Hwy #1 and #16 project was accepted by the Province.</p>	
9.2	Saskatchewan Caucus	
	<p>1. VP Randy Goulden gave a verbal report noting the Caucus' support of the new amalgamated signage initiative, consistency of highway crossing signals and the need to address the flashing lights located at Langenburg and Churchbridge.</p> <p>2. The Caucus presented a recommendation to be referred to the Board regarding the Saskatoon Perimeter Road. The Saskatchewan Caucus is in favour of a financial pre-feasibility study for the Saskatoon Perimeter Highway Project. TC Highway #16 through Saskatoon is the largest bottleneck on the Yellowhead Highway between Winnipeg and BC and the SK Caucus supports any moves to speed up the study and completion of the Saskatoon Perimeter Highway Project.</p> <p>3. The selection of Saskatchewan Directors as follows:</p> <p>3.1. Randy Goulden will serve as VP, term expiring 2014</p>	

	<p>3.2. Alan Cayford, term expiring 2014 3.3. Chris Odishaw, term expiring 2014 3.4. Trent Houk, term expiring 2014 3.5. Zach Jeffries, term expiring 2014.</p>	
9.3	<p>Alberta Caucus</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Miles Latimer provided a verbal reported on behalf of AB VP Tony Caterina indicating the Alberta Directors elected are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Tony Caterina to serve as AB VP, term expiring 2014 1.2. Vic Bidzinski, term expiring 2015 1.3. Rico Damota, term expiring 2014 1.4. Tammy Strang, term expiring 2014 1.5. Daniel Warawa, term expiring 2014 1.6. Clint McCullough, term expiring 2015 1.7. One additional vacancy exists, to be filled at a later date. 2. The Kitscoty intersection improvement is still being pursued as is the twinning from Hinton west. 3. Further discussion is required for highway improvements at intersection #830 and #16. 	
9.4	<p>BC Caucus</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loranne Martin gave a verbal report noting the absence of Ralph Roy. The selection of BC Directors is as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Willow Macdonald to serve as BC Vice President, term expiring 2014 1.2. Harry Kroeker, Councillor, Merritt term expiring 2014 1.3. Steve Freeman, RD of Bulkley-Nechako term expiring 2015 (Ralph Roy Alternate) 1.4. Ken Starchuk, RD of Fraser-Fort George term expiring 2014 1.5. Lynn Christiansen, Councillor, Terrace term expiring 2014 1.6. Loranne Martin, Individual Member, McBride, BC term expiring 2015 at conclusion of term as Past President. 2. Some issues that the BC Caucus will be looking at include CN policies relating to who pays for level rail crossings maintenance. 3. The Caucus also discussed the policy relating to voting; this will be addressed during New Business. 	
9.5	<p>MOVED/SECONDED:: Orr/Coleman that that the Provincial Caucus reports be approved as presented. CARRIED</p>	MOTION
10.	<p>RESOLUTIONS SESSION Resolution Session was conducted by Resolutions Chair Tammy Strang. Tammy Strang reviewed the protocol in presenting and discussing Resolutions.</p>	
10.1	<p>RESOLUTION #2012 – 5 ... Transport of Hydrocarbons</p> <p>WHEREAS the volume of hydrocarbons/bitumen would be such that movement by transport truck would see a significant increase in traffic volume, and</p>	

	<p>WHEREAS such significant increase in heavy truck traffic volume would have an impact on the preservation of physical road conditions, and</p> <p>WHEREAS such significant increase in heavy truck traffic would be a safety concern for regular highway traffic, and</p> <p>WHEREAS the potential for physical road condition deterioration and highway safety are considerations relevant to the TCYHA;</p> <p>Now therefore be it resolved that the TCYHA supports the transport of hydrocarbons by pipelines.</p> <p>MOVED/SECONDED:: Cayford/Goulden that the Resolution be amended by adding the words “other than highway such as” between “by” and “pipelines” so as to read “Now therefore be it resolved that the TCYHA is in favour of the transport of hydrocarbons by methods other than highway such as pipelines”. 22 In Favour, 3 Not in Favour, 3 Abstentions; Motion Passes. CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED/SECONDED:: Bidzinski/Sigurdson that the Resolution, as amended, reading “Now therefore be it resolved that the TCYHA is in favour of the transport of hydrocarbons by methods other than highway such as pipelines” be approved. 24 In Favour, 1 Not in Favour, 3 Abstentions; Motion Passes. CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION</p> <p>MOTION</p>
12.2	<p>RESOLUTION #2013 – 1 ... Elimination of Extew CN Rail/Highway 16 Level Crossing.</p> <p>WHEREAS the level crossing of the CN Rail line near Extew between Prince Rupert and Terrace remains a serious safety concern;</p> <p>AND WHEREAS forecasted growth in rail traffic using the Port of Prince Rupert increases the safety risk to users of road and rail;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association write the BC Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and President of CN Rail calling for elimination of the level grade crossing near Extew.</p> <p>MOVED/SECONDED::Martin/Sigurdson that with no representative in attendance to present this Resolution, the Resolution be referred to the TCYHA Board to address. CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION</p>
12.2	<p>RESOLUTION #2013 – 2 ... Revision of British Columbia Road Maintenance Standards</p> <p>WHEREAS northern BC residents consistently declare road maintenance fails to meet</p>	

	<p>travellers' requirements and that standards have deteriorated since privatization of road maintenance.</p> <p>AND WHEREAS road maintenance contractors consistently meet their contractual obligations and provide service according to provincial maintenance standards;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association call upon the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to revise the provincial standards for road maintenance for future road maintenance contracts, to meet public safety needs.</p> <p>MOVED/SECONDED::Martin/Sigurdson that with no representative in attendance to present this Resolution, the Resolution be referred to the TCYHA Board to address. CARRIED</p>	MOTION
11.	PREVIOUS BUSINESS	
11.1	<p>Billboard at Portage La Prairie There was discussion as to the status of the repair of the billboard. Zach Jeffries offered to carry on the previous discussion with the City of Saskatoon to explore shared funding of the billboard and report back. Estimated cost for repair is \$10,000; inclusion of solar powered light on the sign could be considered. A shared cost arrangement amongst other municipalities that would reflect the financial resources of municipalities along that stretch could also be considered.</p>	
12.	NEW BUSINESS	
12.1	<p>Voting at Meetings Policy There was discussion concerning voting and participation at meetings of the association. MOVED/SECONDED::McCullough/Macdonald that the Board be directed to review a possible amendment to the bylaw to accept voting by teleconference and /or videoconference at special meetings of members in special circumstances. CARRIED</p>	MOTION
12.2	<p>Level Rail Crossings MOVED/SECONDED::Freeman/Macdonald that the Board send a letter to CN Rail and CP rail in regards to their policies concerning maintenance of level railway crossings and report back the findings. CARRIED</p>	
13.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING It was noted that next year's Annual Convention/Annual General Meeting is in Valemount BC; tentative dates are May 1-3 2014.	
14.	<p>ADJOURNMENT MOVED::Martin that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED Meeting adjourned at 12:30PM</p>	MOTION

Minutes recorded by John Wojcicki

Signed: _____



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PLEASE SIGN IN!

Print Name	Title	Organization	Signature
Alan Cayford	Director-Community Services	City of Lloydminster	<i>[Signature]</i>
Randy Goulder	Councillor	City of Yorkton	<i>[Signature]</i>
Clint McCullough	Councillor	Town of Vermilion	<i>[Signature]</i>
Robert Pulyk	Councillor	Town of Vermilion	<i>[Signature]</i>
Chris Radford	Mayor	Town of Russell	<i>[Signature]</i>
ZACH JEFFRIES	COUNCILLOR	SASKATOON	<i>[Signature]</i>

BY TELE-CONFERENCE

VIC BIDZINSKI	COUNCILLOR	COUNTY OF STRATHCONA, AB
BILL TURGEON	COUNCILLOR	BARRIERE BC
JENNETTE TOWNSEND	LIFE MEMBER	(VALE MOUNT)

