



TCYHA 76th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

July 8, 2022

Rosslyn Inn & Suites, Edmonton AB

~ held as a hybrid virtual, via Zoom, and In-Person meeting ~

President Merv Starzyk started the meeting with the following Land Acknowledgment:



"The Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association acknowledges that we are meeting on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community."



The Annual General Meeting was preceded by Provincial Transportation reports as follows (presentation details on file):

From BC: Darrell Gunn, Executive Director, Northern Region

From AB: Michael Botros, Regional Director, North Central

From SK: Jon Kotylak, Exec. Dir., Network Planning & Investment, Chris Fuchs, Capital Programs

From MB: Katy Schram, Transportation Planning Engineer

MINUTES

The AGM was held as a hybrid In-Person and Virtual via Zoom meeting

[Attendance recorded on Zoom]

1. Call to Order
 - 1.1. President Starzyk called the Annual General Meeting to Order at 2:30pm MDT
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - 2.1. **Moved/Seconded:S.Salt/Valemount (P. Pearson)** that the Agenda be approved as circulated.
CARRIED
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - 3.1. FROM JUNE 11, 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 - 3.2. FROM AUGUST 27, 2021 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING
Moved/Seconded:J.Wright/Valemount (P. Pearson) that both the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 11 2021 and the Special General Meeting on August 27 2021 be approved as circulated. CARRIED
4. OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT
 - 4.1. President's Report – Merv Starzyk
 - 4.1.1. M. Starzyk suggested that it may be time for the Association to consider developing a Strategic Plan which would include a review and possible updating of its Bylaws.
 - 4.1.2. The challenges of addressing issues across four Provinces are mitigated by increasing membership and it also may be advisable to look at building relationships to areas that are off the Yellowhead highway yet rely on the Yellowhead for improving access.

- 4.2. 2021 Resolutions Report
 - 4.2.1. Sandy Salt provided a recap of each of the Resolutions submitted in 2021 noting in all cases the respected Governments were all made aware of the Resolutions along with copies to the TCYHA Board and the submitting Municipality and that in each case the Resolutions were responded to and acknowledged by the concerned government ministry.
5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021 REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 - 5.1. Don Grimble addressed the 2021 Financial Statements noting that they are being recommended for approval by the Board.
 - 5.2. **Moved/Seconded:S.Salt/Valemount (P. Pearson)** that the TCYHA 2021 Financial Statements be approved as circulated. CARRIED
 - 5.3. **Moved/Seconded:J. Wright/Jasper (H. Kelleher-Empey)** that Sandy Salt and Pete Pearson be designated as signatories to the approved 2021 Financial Statements. CARRIED
6. CONFIRMATION OF 2022-2023 PRESIDENT
 - 6.1. Merv Starzyk reported that the position of Incoming President remains unfilled.
 - 6.2. It was suggested that Merv Starzyk continue to serve in the position of President until such time as a successor has been appointed. M. Starzyk agreed to continue as required.
 - 6.3. **Moved/Seconded:Jasper (H. Kelleher-Empey)/Valemount (P. Pearson)** that Merv Starzyk continue to serve as President and the appointment of a new President be referred to the Board. CARRIED
7. PROVINCIAL REPORTS
 - 7.1. Acceptance of Provincial Reports previously submitted
 - 7.1.1. The reports provided by the four Western Provinces prior to the AGM were accepted as information.
 - 7.2. Election of Provincial Directors
 - 7.2.1. BC = 5*; AB = 7; SK = 5; MB = 4) * BC: 2 at least from #5 and at least 3 from #16
 - 7.2.1.1. The current list of Provincial Directors was reviewed noting Gordon Barnhart will be resigning. It was suggested Bill Johnston be added as a Saskatchewan Director; B. Johnston agreed.
 - 7.2.1.2. **Moved/Seconded:S.Salt/Valemount (P. Pearson)** that the current Provincial Directors be reappointed with Bill Johnston being added. CARRIED
8. RESOLUTIONS SESSION – Conducted by Resolutions Committee Chair, Sandy Salt
 - 8.1. Resolutions
 - 8.1.1. Resolution 2022-01
EV Charging - Submitted by Churchbridge, SK
WHEREAS Canada has set a target that all new passenger vehicles sold in Canada are zero-emission by 2035;
WHEREAS Ottawa is spending \$2 million to install 40 new fast chargers for electric vehicles across Saskatchewan;
WHEREAS the Minister Of Natural Resources states the Government wants to make electric vehicles more accessible;
WHEREAS charging stations will be placed along major highways based on demand;
NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association advocate to Ottawa Parliament, Department of Highways, and SKPower to install fast charging EV Chargers along Highway #16, specially by Churchbridge to increase convenience and accessibility for users.

Discussion: It was noted that this would provide the opportunity to position the Yellowhead Highways as a viable and preferred route for electric vehicles and bring more traffic to communities along the highway.

It was also suggested that the map produced by the TCYHA could identify the EV charging station locations.

Moved/Seconded:Churchbridge (B. Johnston)/B. Journault that Resolution 2022-01 be approved. CARRIED

8.1.2. Resolution 2022-02

Improving Accesses into Churchbridge - Submitted by Churchbridge, SK

WHEREAS the east (turning onto Lovel street from Highway #80) is minimal and the west (turning onto the west grid access road from Highway #80) is non-existent to allow vehicles proper space to slow down before turning;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association advocate to the Department of Highways and Government of Saskatchewan to extend the east turning lane and add a west turning lane, which will improve accesses into Churchbridge.

Discussion: It was noted that this was really a matter of safety.

Moved/Seconded:Churchbridge (B. Johnston)/J. Wright that Resolution 2022-02 be approved. CARRIED

8.1.3. Resolution 2022-03

Paving of Saltcoats to Yorkton - Submitted by Churchbridge, SK

WHEREAS the Highway from Saltcoats to Yorkton has undergone patching multiple times; WHEREAS due to the frost, the Highway has considerable more dips and cracks than ever before;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association advocate to the Department of Highways to repave the road from Saltcoats to Yorkton fully after the 2022 passing lanes are complete.

Discussion: No further discussion

Moved/Seconded:Churchbridge (B. Johnston)/Jasper (H. Kelleher-Empey) that Resolution 2022-03 be approved. CARRIED

8.1.4. Resolution 2202-04

Passing Lanes between Tete Jaune and BC/AB Border – Submitted by Jasper AB

Background: The purpose of this Resolution is to encourage the widening of HWY 16 West in BC by adding additional passing lanes along the ascending grades, between Tete Jaune Cache and the BC/AB Border.

WHEREAS: The stretch of highway 16 noted above is a busy transportation corridor between Alberta and the Ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert and is the designated route for oversized loads, and

The route noted is the least closed in the winter of the 4 mountain passes connecting the two provinces, and

The annual traffic continues to increase on this route due to population increases, increased regional tourist traffic after Covid-19 and will continue to increase with any expansion to the airport in Valemount, and

The highway continues to be a dangerous stretch of road with multiple highway deaths each year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the TCYHA continue to create awareness of the needs for this stretch of highway with the BC and Federal Governments to increase funding to support upgrades to this important part of the transportation infrastructure between the two provinces.

Discussion: It was stressed that this is very much an issue of safety especially in a few key areas. It was also noted that there are straight stretches that present viable and affordable opportunities for construction of passing lanes and even twinning.

Moved/Seconded:Jasper (H. Kelleher-Empey)/B. Journault that Resolution 2022-04 be approved. CARRIED

8.1.5. Resolution 2202-05

Passing Lanes Along Hwy 16 Corridor Between Tete Jaune and the Alberta border – Submitted by Regional District of Fraser Fort George BC.

WHEREAS there is a significant amount of commercial transport of essential supplies and visitor traffic through the Highway 16 corridor between Tete Jaune and the Alberta border;

AND WHEREAS Highway 16 East between Tete Jaune and the Alberta border currently has only one eastbound passing lane and one westbound passing lane for 80 kilometres of highway through the mountain pass;

AND WHEREAS the shared use of the highway network between the travelling public and commercial transportation of essential goods and supplies must be made as safe as possible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association lobby the Provincial Government to install more passing lanes on the Highway 16 Corridor between Tete Jaune and the Alberta border with a focus on ascending passing lanes.

Discussion: It was noted that in addition to the items noted in the discussion of Resolution 2022-04, the increase in movement of oversized loads makes this improvement essential.

Moved/Seconded:Valemount (P. Pearson)/B. Journault that Resolution 2022-05 be approved. CARRIED

8.2. Resolutions – Extraordinary or Urgent in nature

8.2.1. No additional Resolutions were submitted.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1. J. Wright noted that Tammy Strang had indicated, during the break after the Awards Luncheon, she would be willing to volunteer some assistance with Grant researching and applications. TCYHA Administration had a discussion with T. Strang and will be exploring this further.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- 10.1. **Moved:J. Wright** that the 76th Annual General Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED
- 10.2. President Merv Starzyk adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm MDT noting that the next Annual General Meeting will be at the Call of the Board.

