



TCYHA 77th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

June 2, 2023

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:

From BC: Darrell Gunn, Executive Director, Northern Region

From SK: Jon Kotylak, Exec. Dir., Network Planning & Investment

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 Meeting to Order at 2:40pm MDT.
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
 - 2.1. **Moved/Seconded: Edson (G. Chouinard)/Jasper (H. Kelleher-Empey)** that the Agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED
3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
 - 3.1. **Moved/Seconded: T. Strang/Lamont County (D. Warawa)** that the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held July 8 2022 be approved as circulated. CARRIED
4. OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT
 - 4.1. President's Report
 - 4.1.1. Merv Starzyk reported that most of his comments were presented during the Awards Luncheon.
 - 4.1.2. M. Starzyk reminded everyone that the Association covers all four Western Provinces and while recent topics of conversation appear to have focused on Alberta and BC, those municipalities on the eastern front, those in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, and all municipalities, should recognize that when a local issue arises they should first submit their Municipal Resolution to their Provincial Government and then copy the TCYHA, along

with your Provincial Municipal Association, so that the advocacy can take on a broader support.

- 4.1.3. M. Starzyk concluded saying that he has valued his time on the Board, noting that as of this Annual Meeting he will be stepping down, and looks forward to the time when the Annual Meeting once again reaches the stage where there was greater attendance and circumstances allowed for the AGM to circulate amongst the four Provinces, which also made for a very enjoyable road trip.
- 4.1.4. M. Starzyk wished the Association the best of luck in the coming years. Members acknowledged M. Starzyk's long-serving role with the TCYHA with a standing ovation.
- 4.2. 2022 Resolutions Report
 - 4.2.1. Resolutions Chair Sandy Salt presented a summary of the Resolutions passed at the 2022 AGM and the resulting Government responses.
 - 4.2.2. S. Salt reviewed some of the recent correspondence from Provincial Governments relating to issues that were brought to their attention.
5. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2022 REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 - 5.1. Don Grimble presented the 2022 Year End Statements which had been reviewed by the Board and recommended to the AGM for approval.
 - 5.2. D. Grimble noted that 2022 was essentially a break-even year and ended with a positive cash flow.
 - 5.3. **Moved/Seconded: D. Grimble/NCRD (K. Bjorndal)** that the 2022 Year End Financial Statements be approved as presented. CARRIED
6. CONFIRMATION OF 2023-2024 PRESIDENT
 - 6.1. Merv Starzyk reported that Valemount Councillor Pete Pearson is nominated to serve as President for the 2023-2024 term.
 - 6.2. **Moved/Seconded: Lamont County (D. Warawa)/P. Smith (Life Member)** that Nominations cease. CARRIED
 - 6.3. Pete Pearson was acclaimed as TCYHA President to serve for the 2023-2024 term of the Association.
7. PROVINCIAL REPORTS
 - 7.1. Acceptance of Provincial Reports previously submitted
 - 7.1.1. **Moved/Seconded: NCRD (K. Bjorndal/Jasper (H. Kelleher-Empey)** that the presentations provided by the Government representatives be accepted as information. CARRIED
 - 7.2. Election of Provincial Directors
 - 7.2.1. **Moved/Seconded: Valemount (P. Pearson)/Edson (G. Chouinard)** that Port Edward Mayor Knut Bjorndal, representing NCRD, be added as a Director for the Province of British Columbia. CARRIED
 - 7.2.2. **Moved/Seconded: Valemount (P. Pearson)/Jasper (H. Kelleher-Empey)** that McBride Councillor Joe Kolida be added as a Director for the Province of British Columbia. CARRIED

7.2.3. There was consensus that the current Provincial Directors be renewed with the Incoming Board to fill any vacancies on the Board.

7.2.4. **Moved/Seconded: NCRD (K/ Bjorndal)/Valemount (P. Pearson)** that Nominations for Provincial Directors cease. CARRIED.

7. RESOLUTIONS SESSION – Conducted by Resolutions Committee Chair, Sandy Salt

7.1. Resolutions - Submitted by members

7.1.1. Resolution 2023-01

SUBJECT: Flashing Beacons on Stop Signs

SUBMITTED BY: County of Lamont AB

WHEREAS: The safety of motorists traveling Highway 16 and Highway 855 is compromised due to poor visibility of stop signs; and

WHEREAS: There have been fatalities on this portion of Highway 16 due to poor visibility of stop signs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the TCYHA request Alberta Transportation install flashing beacons on those stop signs located on Highway 855 and Highway 16.

Moved/Seconded: Lamont County (D. Warawa)/A. Nelson (Strathcona County) that Resolution 2023-01 be accepted. CARRIED

7.1.2. Resolution 2023-02

SUBJECT: Highway Patching/Resurfacing

SUBMITTED BY: Lamont County

WHEREAS: Highway 16 consistently has excessive amounts of vehicular traffic causing the surface of the highway to become compromised noticeably with cracks, heaves, and disrepair.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the TCYHA request Alberta Transportation to patch and/or resurface those portions of Highway 16 which have fallen into disrepair.

Moved/Seconded: Lamont County (D. Warawa)/A. Nelson (Strathcona County) that Resolution 2023-02 be accepted. CARRIED

There was subsequent discussion noting that the poor condition of TC#16 is evident in all four Provinces and that perhaps the Board address this.

7.1.3. Resolution 2023-03

SUBJECT: West Gate at Jasper National Park

SUBMITTED BY: Valemount, BC

WHEREAS: all commercial truck traffic that passes through the East gate of Jasper National Park also passes through the West gate of the Park; and

AND WHEREAS: Highways 16, a federally designated part of the Trans Canada Highway System, and 5, the Yellowhead Highway, are the primary transportation corridors for commercial, tourism and local traffic and the designated over-size route for industrial traffic movements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That a letter be written to Government of Canada, Parks Canada requesting that the West gate of Jasper National Park be upgraded to be consistent with the East gate improvements that have been recently completed and are proving beneficial to all travellers.

Moved/Seconded: Valemount (P. Pearson)/Jasper (H. Kelleher-Empey) that Resolution 2023-03 be accepted. CARRIED

7.1.4. Resolution 2023-04

SUBJECT: Upgrades to Manitoba Highway 26

SUBMITTED BY: RM of St. Francois Xavier

WHEREAS council of the Rural Municipality of St. Francois Xavier believes Highway 26 is an important historic trade route in the Province of Manitoba and the main highway utilized by residents of the Municipality;

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;

AND WHEREAS the deteriorated condition of Highway 26 has created unsafe travelling conditions for all users of Highway 26;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association lobby the Provincial government to improve the surface, shoulders, ditches and sight lines on Highway 26 to ensure the safety of all who use the Highway.

Moved/Seconded: RM St. Francois Xavier (D. Nott)/RM Yellowhead (M. Starzyk) that Resolution 2023-04 be accepted. CARRIED

7.2. Resolutions – Extraordinary or Urgent in nature

No extraordinary or urgent Resolutions submitted.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. No new business

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9.1. At the Call of the Board

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1. **Moved/Edson (G. Chouinard/** that the Annual Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

10.2. M. Starzyk adjourned the meeting at pm