



73rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association
Friday April 5, 2019
Rosslyn Inn & Suites ~ Edmonton, Alberta

MINUTES [Unapproved]

1. AGM CALLED TO ORDER

1. The AGM was called to order by President Smith at 2:25
2. Attendance sheet circulated, copy on file.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1. **Moved/Seconded:Edson (Chouinard)/Lamont County(Warawa)** that the Agenda be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 6, 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. **Moved/Seconded:Salt/Kitscoty (Roth)** that the Minutes from the 2018 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

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

1. **Moved/Seconded:Cayford/Salt** that the Minutes from the Board of Directors and Executive Committee be accepted. **CARRIED**

5. OUTGOING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT

1. President's Report – Paul Smith

i. Paul provided a recap of his highlights which included:

1. Development of a Chamber of Commerce advertising incentive program which would open additional opportunities for commercial advertising in TCYHA Travel Guide and/or website;
2. Successful advocacy for highway improvements between Hinton and Jasper AB and the construction of the Jasper East Gate bypass;
3. Initiated building collaborative relationship with indigenous communities;
4. Developing a relationship with the Alberta Motor Transport Association which helped move forward the approval of expanding rest stops in Alberta;
5. Attended UBCM and will be attending NCLGA in BC;
6. Paul noted that we need to re-engage all municipalities in all four Western Provinces; we need to be Enduring, Resilient, and Relevant;
7. TYCHA needs to solidify its financial stability

ii. **Moved/Seconded:Lamont (Warawa)/Jasper(Kelleher-Empey)** that the Presidents Report be received as information, **CARRIED**

2. 2018 Resolutions/Activities Report – Don Grimble, John Wojcicki, Paul Smith

- i. All Resolutions passed at the 2018 AGM have been presented to respective Government with copies sent to the submitting municipalities.

- ii. All Resolutions have been acknowledged by Government and are in the process of being considered;
- iii. D. Grimble noted that there is no National Transportation System in place which makes connecting all four Western Provinces a challenge; this is exacerbated by changes in government due to the election cycle;
- iv. Patience and diligence is key as the time frame for decision making and implantation is often a lengthy process but results do occur;
- v. As Government announcements were made public, letters of thanks were sent to the respective Government with copy to relevant municipality.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2018 REVIEWED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – Don Grimble

- 1. Secretary/Treasurer Don Grimble reviewed the 2018 Financial Statements that had been previously circulated noting that the statements have been recommend by the Board for approval.
- 2. The Statements have been accepted by way of Peer Review conducted by Alan Cayford and Sandy Salt; it was noted this is one of the three mechanisms for review approved by the Government of Alberta legislation.
- 3. It was reported that we are financially solvent and administration has been ensuring that expenses are matching revenues which include approved support from Reserves as per the intent of the creation of the Reserve.
- 4. **Moved/Seconded: Lamont(Warawa)/Jasper(Kelleher-Empey)** that the 2018 Financial Statements be approved as circulated. CARRIED

7. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT

- 1. It was noted that the regular rotation would have the Incoming President come from Saskatchewan but there are no candidates;
- 2. **Moved/Seconded:Grimble/Salt** that the President’s term held by Paul Smith (Strathcona County) be extended for a second term to 2020. CARRIED

8. PROVINCIAL REPORTS

1. Members Provincial Updates as required

- a. Manitoba
 - i. Merv Starzyk (RM Yellowhead MB) reported that there has been shoulder widening and repaving.
 - ii. Efforts are being made to engage indigenous communities and meetings with the Provincial Minister of Indigenous Affairs have been held
 - iii. Discussions also held with Indigenous Tourism in terms of collaborating on signage and cross promotion.
- b. Saskatchewan
 - i. No update available
- c. Alberta
 - i. Update provided earlier in the Agenda
- d. British Columbia
 - i. Danielle (RD Fraser Fort George BC) reported that the update was included in the Resolutions report.
 - ii. Sandy Salt reported that the Billboard located on #5 by Rearguard Falls will be up by May 2019.

2. Election of Provincial Directors

- a. The following names were brought forward as Provincial Directors:
 - i. Manitoba: Merv Starzyk

- ii. Saskatchewan: Randy Goulden
 - iii. Alberta: Dan Warawa, Dennis Roth, Bert Journault, Gean Chouinard, Paul Smith
 - iv. British Columbia: Rosemary Hruby, Pete Pearson
- b. It was noted the Incoming Board will fill any remaining vacancies by way of appointment.
- c. **Moved/Seconded: RD Fraser-Fort George (Dannielle Alan)/Jasper(Helen Kelleher-Empey)** that the names brought forward as Directors be accepted. CARRIED

9. RESOLUTIONS SESSION – Conducted by Resolutions Committee Chair, Don Grimble

1. Resolutions - Submitted by members

i. Resolution 2019 -01: Enhanced Rest Stops

1.Submitted by RM Yellowhead MB

WHERE AS commercial and non-commercial drivers require areas where they can safely park while taking breaks, having meals, and doing maintenance checks to their vehicles, thus alleviating the potential for distracting driving due to fatigue,

And WHERE AS commercial truck drivers require an area where they can safely park and rest in compliance with the hours of service regulations,

And WHERE AS road transportation as increased by 300 per cent since 1990, creating a need for additional rest areas that would provide safer and efficient movement of traffic,

And WHERE AS the Provincial Motor Associations support TCYHA requests and lobby efforts,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the TCYHA lobby the Provincial Ministers of Transportation and Infrastructure to expand road side rest stops along Highway 16.

Moved/Seconded: Grimble/Wright that the Resolution be adopted. CARRIED

ii. Resolution 2019-02: Increased Passing Lanes between Jasper #16 and Blue River #5

1.Submitted by: Valemount BC

WHEREAS Highways 5 and 16 are the oversize vehicle route to Northern Be and Alberta, and continue to experience significant increases in both commercial and tourist traffic along both regional corridors; AND

WHEREAS the number of vehicle incidents continue to increase and place an increased demand on the resources and safety of Emergency Services providers in both Provinces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Trans-Canada Yellowhead Highway Association advocate the Federal Government to secure and designate infrastructure funding for increased passing lane construction between Blue River, Be and Tete Jaune, BC on Hwy 5, and between McBride, Be and Jasper National Park on Hwy 16, focusing on ascending grade sections to facilitate safe and efficient traffic movement.

Moved/Seconded: Grimble/Valemount (Pearson) that the Resolution be adopted. CARRIED

iii. Resolution 2019-03: Increased Cell Service on BC #16 and BC #5

1. Submitted by: Valemount BC

WHEREAS Highway 5 between Blue River, BC to Tete Jaune, BC and Highway 16 between McBride, BC and the BC/ Alberta border continue to experience significant increases in traffic; AND,

WHEREAS There is a significant lack of cellular communication coverage throughout this region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Trans-Canada Yellowhead Association lobby Federal and Provincial Governments to facilitate safer highway travel through improved cellular coverage in these corridors.

Moved/Seconded: Grimble/Salt that the Resolution be adopted. CARRIED

iv. Resolution 2019-04: Kitscoty Intersection at AB #16 and AB Secondary #897

1. Submitted by TCYHA Board

PREAMBLE:

Given the continued significant traffic safety issues, the TCYHA Board brings forward Resolution 02-2012, intersection of TC#16 and AB #897, for resubmission.

WHEREAS the intersection of TC#16 and AB Secondary #897 has in the past few years been an ongoing location for traffic accidents, including a number of fatalities, and

WHEREAS the traffic movement on TC#16 continues to grow and the various efforts of Alberta Transportation to mitigate occurrences of accidents, such as reduction of speed limit and enhanced signage, have not seen any significant improvements, and

WHEREAS providing for safe and reliable transportation along Alberta highways, in particular major routes such as the Trans Canada Yellowhead highway #16, are intrinsic to the Departments objectives and is one of the six goals identified in the Transportation Strategy for Alberta which also states that the Government of Alberta recognizes that continued collaboration and conversation with transportation partners will be needed to successfully implement the Strategy,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That that the TCYHA lobby the Federal Minister of Transportation and the Provincial Highway Ministry to provide 100% funding for the development of grade separation at the intersection of Highway 16 and Alberta Secondary Highway 897.

Moved/Seconded: Grimble/Kitscoty (Roth) that the Resolution be adopted.

CARRIED

v. Resolution 2019-05: Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

1. Submitted by: Jasper AB

Resolution Background:

Electric vehicles are projected to cost the same as the equivalent gas-powered vehicles by the early 2020s and already cost less to operate and maintain. Electric vehicles are an emerging technology; sales are expected to increase dramatically over the next five years as more affordable models become available. In Alberta, electric vehicles emit only two-thirds of emissions of the average gas-powered car.

This will improve further as coal is removed from the provincial electricity system. Increased adoption of electric vehicles will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector and contribute to Canada’s climate change strategies. The availability of reliable charging infrastructure is a key factor in EV adoption. Supporting faster adoption of electric vehicles aids in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Alberta lags behind Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia in the number of EVs on the road and number of charging ports. Most large centres offer a variety of Level 2 charging ports and DC fast charging stations. Having EV chargers across the province and country will establish connectivity for EV drivers. The Municipality of Jasper has estimated that the total capital costs of installing a Level 3 charging station, which charge cars more quickly than level 2 charging stations would be \$100,000 for the following items:

Engineering and design	\$9,000
Equipment (charger)	\$63,000
Construction	\$20,000
Signage, opening	\$8,000
Total	\$100,000

As Jasper is at an integral junction on the TCYH, offering many services for a recharging location; it would be in the best benefit for the corridor to have this service available for electric vehicle travelers.

WHEREAS the Alberta government has committed to taking action on climate change with the Climate Leadership Plan, a strategy designed to diversify our economy, create jobs and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that cause climate change;

WHEREAS the Alberta government has implemented a carbon levy on all transportation and heating fuels which emit greenhouse gases when burned to encourage Albertans to reduce carbon pollution from their homes and from the province’s approximately three million registered vehicles;

WHEREAS the federal government is committed to reducing GHG emissions contributing to climate change, and has a plan to complete a coast-to-coast network of electric vehicle (EV) fast chargers on the national highway system and through Natural Resources Canada has offered the Electric Vehicle and Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Deployment Initiative, funding 50 per cent of the capital cost of DC Fast Charging (Level 3) EV chargers;

WHEREAS supporting the emerging technology of EVs and charging infrastructure could significantly reduce the production of GHG emissions from the transportation sector in Alberta. The availability of reliable charging infrastructure is a key factor in EV adoption and municipalities could play a part in providing this infrastructure; and

WHEREAS in addition to the high capital cost of installing a fast charging EV station, operating costs for energy and transmission rates are prohibitive for municipalities. Financial assistance is required to create a charging network across the province to increase confidence in electric vehicle ownership, to increase sales of EVs which will increase usage of the public EV charging stations, making the service cost-neutral with user fees. The carbon levy is funding many incentive and rebate programs

through Alberta. However, there is no specific program designed to assist municipalities with the deployment of EV charging stations.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association request that the Government of Alberta expand the offer of programs funded by the carbon tax to include financial assistance to municipalities for capital and operating costs of EV charging stations.

Moved/Seconded: Grimble/Jasper (Kelleher-Empey) that the Resolution be adopted. CARRIED

NOTE: it was noted that Resolution 2019-05 is contingent on the carbon tax remaining in effect.

2. **Resolutions – Extraordinary or Urgent in nature**
 - i. None presented

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Review of Membership Fees**

- i. It was reported that Corporate members' fees, currently set at \$125.00, have not been adjusted for at least 12 or more years and that the municipalities per capita has not had the scheduled increases matching increasing costs.
- ii. **Moved/Seconded:Grimble/Jasper (Kelleher-Empey)** that for the 2020 fiscal year the basic Corporate dues be set at \$150.00 and that Municipal dues be set at a per capita of \$0.20 and that the dues for larger Municipalities be negotiated by the Board. CARRIED
- iii. As consequential discussion it was noted that Provincial TCYHA caucus meetings should be resurrected as they provided key value; ways to combine those with Provincial Municipal Association conventions should be explored.
 1. Lloydminster Mayor Gerald Aalbers volunteered to help with SARMA and assist in connecting with the Saskatchewan Transportation Ministry.

11. **DATE OF NEXT AGM**

1. To be determined by the Board

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. President Paul Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:05pm.