

Minutes of inaugural meeting of Trans-Canada Highway System Association, Yellowhead Route, held in the Board of Trade Rooms, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, April 15th, 1947.

Representatives from cities, towns and organizations in the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, along the proposed Northern Route of the Trans-Canada Highway System, met in the Board of Trade Rooms, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, April 15th, 1947 at 10 A.M.

Present were:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
W. J. G. Morris	Birtle, Man.	Town Council
R. C. Smellie	Russell, Man.	Town Council
J. M. Lavery	Newdale, Man.	Board of Trade
A. Mather	Russell, Man.	Mayor, Town Council
N. Braendle	Binscarth, Man.	Town Council and Board of Trade
Louis Armit	Foxwarren, Man.	Business Men of Foxwarren
R. O. Armstrong	Saskatoon, Sask.	Saskatchewan Motor Club
J. E. Selby	St. Lazare, Man.	Reeve Municipality of Ellice
J. T. McCool	Minnedosa, Man.	Minnedosa Board of Trade
M. Gerla	Churchbridge, Sask.	Village of Churchbridge Council & Reeve M. of Churchbridge #211
M. G. MacDonald	Salcoats, Sask.	President, Board of Trade
S. A. Sawyer	Foxwarren, Man.	Village Council
C. A. Venn	Langenburg, Sask.	Board of Trade
C. T. Oldcraft	Saskatoon, Sask.	Board of Trade
Victor Rooke	Salcoats, Sask.	Board of Trade
O. C. Olson	Jasper, Alberta	President, Chamber of Commerce
R. L. St. John	Russell, Man.	Secretary, Board of Trade
C. P. Langer	Langenburg, Sask.	Board of Trade
J. C. Matheson	Yorkton, Sask.	Board of Trade
W. T. Hart	Shoal Lake, Man.	Board of Trade
S. E. Lancefield	Saskatoon, Sask.	Board of Trade
S. N. MacEachern	Saskatoon, Sask.	Commissioner, Board of Trade
H. D. Ainlay	Edmonton, Alberta	Mayor, City of Edmonton
A. W. Macpherson	Saskatoon, Sask.	Mayor, City of Saskatoon
E. T. Love	Edmonton, Alberta	
Manley Champlin	Saskatoon, Sask.	President, Board of Trade
R. S. Shannon	Grandora, Man.	Board of Trade

Mayor Ainlay was elected temporary chairman and E. T. Love temporary secretary.

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The brief was read clause by clause and was approved unanimously as amended.

Regarding financing the organization. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the directors in the respective provinces be responsible for financing the due proportion of necessary costs of the campaign.

After a lot of hard thinking by all those present at the meeting, it was moved that the name of the organization be "Trans-Canada Highway System Association, Yellowhead Route" - the words "Yellowhead Route" to be in brackets under the other five words making up the name of the organization. This motion was seconded and carried.

The letters to accompany brief were read clause by clause and on motion, which was seconded, they were approved unanimously with the exception of the name which was to be the same as had just been agreed upon.

Mayor A. W. Macpherson, chairman of the nominating committee then made the report of the committee which was adopted unanimously, as follows:

BRITISH COLUMBIA

1. Mayor Mrs. N. E. Arnold,
Prince Rupert, B. C.
2. J. Kuffa,
President, Board of Trade,
Blue River, B. C.
3. To be named by the President

SASKATCHEWAN

1. Mayor A. W. Macpherson
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
2. John C. Matheson,
Secretary, Board of Trade,
Yorkton, Saskatchewan
3. W. K. Stanley,
President, Board of Trade,
North Battleford, Saskatchewan

ALBERTA

1. Mayor H. D. Ainlay,
Edmonton, Alberta.
2. O. C. Olson,
President, Chamber of
Commerce,
Jasper, Alberta.
3. E. T. Love,
Edmonton, Alberta.

MANITOBA

1. J. T. McCool,
President, Board of Trade,
Minnedosa, Manitoba.
2. N. Braendle,
Binscarth, Manitoba.
3. To be named by the President.

OFFICERS

President - Mayor H. D. Ainlay, Edmonton, Alberta.

Vice-President - Mayor A. W. Macpherson, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Secretary - E. T. Love, Edmonton, Alberta.

A. W. Macpherson - Chairman of Nominating Committee

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It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the directors in each province be responsible for complete organization and operation of the campaign for the proposed highway in their respective provinces.

The chairman made some remarks at this point as to the duties and responsibilities of the directors in each province.

There was a further discussion as regards financing the efforts of the association and a motion was made and seconded that the association raise immediately the sum of \$1,100.00 - proportioned among the three Prairie Provinces - as follows: Alberta \$500.00 - Saskatchewan \$400.00 - and Manitoba \$200.00 - and that future assessments be in the same proportion. This motion was carried unanimously.

There being no representation from British Columbia, the matter of the contribution from that province was left in obedience. Mayor Ainlay indicated that the contribution from the City of Edmonton would be \$300.00. Mayor A. W. Macpherson indicated that the contribution from the City of Saskatoon would be \$200.00. And, Mr. Olson indicated that the contribution of the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce would be \$100.00.

The representatives from Manitoba and Saskatchewan were anxious to have the route of the proposed highway named in their respective provinces and it was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that if the representatives of the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan could agree upon a route, that this route be recommended by the association in its representations to Provincial and Federal Governments.

A resolution to the British Columbia Government respecting the completion of the Blue River Highway Section of the proposed Northern Route was presented to the Meeting and was passed unanimously as amended. The resolution reads as follows:

"WHEREAS the large and expanding population of Central and Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan and of the interior of British Columbia is experiencing an increasing need for highway connections by direct route with Vancouver and the lower mainland of British Columbia for the purposes of commercial and pleasure travel and;

WHEREAS British Columbia is losing a very lucrative tourist business because tourists who come to Jasper must return southward via Lake Louise and Banff and;

WHEREAS ninety percent of Prairie Tourist Traffic to Vancouver travels via American Routes, and will continue to do so, unless a more direct route to Vancouver is completed and;

WHEREAS Robson National Park could be developed into a major tourist travel asset for British Columbia were highway facilities between Vancouver and intermediate points provided and;

WHEREAS the route from Tete Jaune to Kamloops is considerably

shorter than other possible routes:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Trans-Canada Highway System Association, Yellowhead Route, petition the Government of British Columbia to complete a modern highway from Tete Jaune to Kamloops via Blue River as soon as possible and further:

That this association send copies of its brief pertaining to the Yellowhead Pass Route to the Government of British Columbia for the information of its members and as an addendum to this resolution."

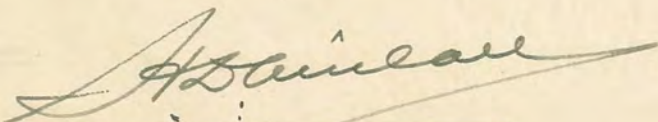
The meeting decided to despatch a telegram to The Right Honourable W. L. MacKenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada. The following is a copy of the telegram which was sent.

"The Trans-Canada Highway System Association, Yellowhead Route, at its inaugural meeting in Saskatoon today urges the necessity of construction of a northern route of the Trans-Canada Highway System from Winnipeg via Saskatoon, Edmonton, Jasper and Blue River to Vancouver. A brief approved at the meeting will be presented to you in the near future for consideration."

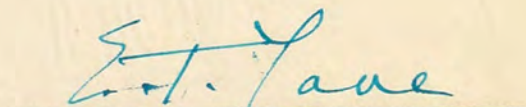
The banking resolution which was passed unanimously reads as follows: that the bankers of the association be the Bank of Toronto, Edmonton; and, that the signing officers of the association be the President or the Vice-President with the Secretary-Treasurer or, any two of these three officers.

The chairman extended the thanks of the meeting to Mayor Macpherson and Mr. MacEachern for their efforts in organizing such a representative and enthusiastic meeting; and, to the members of the Saskatoon Board of Trade for their kindness and an excellent luncheon.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4 P.M.



President



Secretary