

Minutes
Board of Directors Meeting
Veterans Memorial Highway Association
Held, Friday, January 24th, 2014
Flagstaff County Administration Building
12435 – Township Road 442
Sedgewick, Alberta

Call to Order: Barry Morishita called the meeting to order at 1.30 P.M.

Chairman Morishita noted that due to changes from the recent Municipal Elections and that some Board Members were unable to attend there is no quorum present and that the meeting would carry on with discussions only.

Board Members:	Barry Morishita	City of Brooks
	Ben Elfring	M.D. of Taber
	Elroy Yakemchuk	County of Two Hills
	Robert Richard	Lac La Biche County
	Michael Yakielashek	Secretary – Treasurer

Guests:	Robert Preston	Town of Hanna
	Travis Ryan	Town of Castor
	David Rattway	County of Minburn
	Sonny Rajoo	Town of Two Hills
	Rick Olsen	Lac La Biche County

Ports to Plains Ben Elfring reported on his attendance at the Annual Conference of the Ports to Plains Alliance held in Amirillo, Texas. He told the Board that everyone is struggling with transportation issues across North America from again infrastructure to new construction. We are all having the same financial issues. Without state, federal and provincial funding the problems will only continue to see deterioration of our transportation networks. It is important that we continue to keep up the lobbying efforts for Highway 36, if we don't our transportation system will not be able to keep up with the freight moving back and forth between the United States and Alberta.

50 Year Strategic

Plan:

Chairman Morishita will contact the Minister of Transportation to inform him about our disappointment about the time frame of the public consultation meetings, the exclusion of Highway 36 on the mapping information and maybe consider having another meeting in the eastern corridor of the Province. He will also ask the Minister to review previous correspondence and meeting information the Association had with the previous Minister.

The Association shall email talking points to the membership to use at the Public Consultation Meetings.

- Highway 36 not recognized on the mapping information.
- Highway 36 not recognized as a high load corridor on the mapping information.
- Safety Issues.
- Highway Improvements to include safety and effective movement of commodities; ie: rest stops, pull outs, passing lanes and pilot cars.

Wood Buffalo:

We need to set up meetings and send letters to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo to encourage co-operation for the improvements needed to Highway 36 and Highway 881 to move essential materials in a time effective and safe manner.

Legion:

Continue to work the Alberta/NW Command of the Royal Canadian Legion by providing a design professionally made to give them a good representation of the Associations vision to honour veterans.

REDAs

To work co-operatively with the Regional Economic Development Associations to meet our goals and objectives.

63/881

Meet with the Highway 63/Highway 881 coalition to explain our vision and goals in order to gain support.

Economic

Development: Develop specific ideas for developing economic development strategy for Highway 36.

Pilot Car

Training: Talk to colleges about setting up a Pilot Car Training Certificate program for pilot car operators and lobby for changes in legislation regarding who can be a pilot car operator.

Annual General

Meeting: Will hold the Annual General Meeting on Friday, April 4th, 2014 at the Flagstaff County Administration Building commencing at 11:00 a.m. Agenda items will include review the Strategic Plan Consultation process and that MLAs and MPs be invited to attend.

Adjournment: There being no further matters to discuss Chairman Morishita adjourned the meeting at 2:20 P.M.

Chairman

Secretary - Treasurer