

Minute
General Membership Meeting
Veterans Memorial Highway Association
Held Friday, April 6th, 2018
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #119
4810 – 50th Avenue
Castor, Alberta

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 A.M.

In Attendance: The List of Representatives in attendance is attached and forms part of these minutes.

Welcome &

Introductions: All persons in attendance introduced themselves and which jurisdiction they represented.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held June 25th, 2017 were presented to the members.

Financial

Statement: The Financial Report for the year ended August 31st, 2017 was presented. The Association holds cash assets in the amount of \$21, 889.65 at that time. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the cash assets as of March 31st, 2018 is in the amount of \$28,678.33.

Projects: Due to the number of changes in representatives following the elections in the fall this meeting was called to provide the new members with updates of the business the Association has been working on.

Highway

Projects: Further to the Highway Study conducted the one project which has been started and slated for completion is the Chin Coulee Highway 36 project. This is a long overdue project in the making. The MD of Taber continues to work on a roadside rest stop area. They are looking for a business partnership to make this happen at Vauxhall.

Further to the study, no progress has been made on the passing lanes on 881 or the river crossings at the Red Deer River and Battle River. There has been no correspondence on the Highway 36 and 881 study that Lac La Biche County was working on. The Province has not responded to requests to lower the speed limit at the Highway 28 and 36 intersection. The train tracks located at Killam, Viking and Highway 16 are still a huge concern for safety and there has not been any discussions about a long term solution. With a new terminal being located at Highway 16 the problem will increase safety concerns. The changes made at the Highway 45 and 36 intersection seems to be working out.

From the initial study more work needs to be done in lobbying the Province to make changes and improvements to Highway 36 and 881.

Business

Brochures: Another project the Association is working on is the development of a business brochure to advise trucking companies of what Highway 36 and 881 have to offer to move goods north and south and west coming into Alberta rather than using Highway 2. The brochure is to showcase the rest stops, pull outs as well as services needed by trucking firms along the whole route. Sonny Rajoo representing the Two Hills and County Chronicle was in attendance and advised that they were interested in providing the brochures. The estimated cost is \$12,000.00 to produce and they would require a contribution from the Association in the amount of \$3,000.00. The balance of funding for the project would be made up through advertising costs and possible Travel Alberta grant. They would look after all the advertising, journalism and production. They will also set up the webpage. Every community along the route would be highlighted. Sonny Rajoo stated they would like to work with a small group to make sure that the Association would end up with a product that is expected and usefull. The Board of Directors will meet with Mr. Rajoo at a later date to see the proposal and report back to the membership.

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Pilot Car

Training: The Association has for the past number of years been supporting the Alberta Motor Transport Association's initiative to develop a Certified Pilot Car Training Program. The setting up of such a program is quite an undertaking and from the last discussions with Andrew Barns it appeared that the Province was not prepared to see this through. The Board has to keep working on this as Safety is a priority for the Association and there still appears to be a lot of confusion and uncertainty for travellers meeting oversized and high loads on 36 and 881.

Elections: The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the Board of Directors lost 7 members with the fall elections and require new members in order for the Association to function properly.

South Zone: The Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations to elect one member from the South Zone.

Moved By: Elroy Yakemchuk that Margaret Plumbtree be nominated as a Director to represent the South Zone on the Board of Directors.

No further nominations were received and Margaret Plumbtree was declared elected as a Director to represent the South Zone.

Central Zone: Moved By: Elroy Yakemchuk that Dale Norton and Cliff Wowdzia be nominated as Directors to represent the Central Zone on the Board of Directors.

No further nominations were received and Dale Norton and Cliff Wowdzia were declared elected as Directors to represent the Central Zone on the Board of Directors.

North Zone

District 1 Moved By: Elroy Yakemchuk that Steve Upham and Mike Tarkowski be nominated as Directors to represent North Zone District 1 on the Board of Directors.

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No further nominations were received and Steve Upham and Mike Tarkowski were declared elected as Directors to represent North Zone District 1 on the Board of Directors.

There being no further discussions the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Secretary-Treasurer