

Minutes
Task Force for the Completion of Highway 101
October 23, 2017

Attendees:

Municipality of the District of Digby	Deputy Warden Linda Gregory Councillor Matthew Ross Linda Fraser, CAO Pat Stevens, Executive Assistant
Town of Digby	Tom Ossinger, CAO
Municipality of the District of Clare	Stephane Cyr, CAO Municipality of the District of Clare
Town of Yarmouth	Deputy Mayor Phil Mooney
Village of Weymouth	
Also Present	NS Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal: Adam Osborne, Highway Planning Engineer Brian Boudreau, Project Engineer Craig Smith, Construction Manager Ivan Bain – Community Stakeholder John James – Community Stakeholder Reid Andrews – Community Stakeholder Michael Brinton – Community Stakeholder Leslie Brinton – Community Stakeholder Anne Amero – Community Stakeholder
Regrets	Mayor Ben Cleveland Councillor Mike Bartlett Warden Ronnie LeBlanc, Municipality of the District of Clare Gordon Wilson, MLA Clare Digby

Welcome & Introductions	Deputy Warden Gregory called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. The Deputy Warden welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and asked that introductions be done.
Additions / Revisions to Agenda	Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion Carried
Minutes	Moved and Seconded that the minutes of July 24, 2017 be approved as circulated. Motion Carried

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
Phase 1 Update	<p>Adam Osborne advised that Phase 1 is underway with clearing being done now. The bridge structure at Seely Brook is also being done now. The tender for the trail structure closed last week and it should be awarded before the end of October.</p> <p>Brian Boudreau advised that the sub grading RFP's will go out after Christmas and the sub grading should begin by April and continue throughout the summer. If all goes well, paving should begin next fall with the highway being opened later in 2018.</p> <p>The cemetery adjacent to the location of where the Alms House was located has been cordoned off. If any human remains are found during construction, work will immediately stop. The Province owns the land where the Alms House was located. The remainder of the property is privately owned and is not involved in the construction.</p>
Update – 101 Highway Safety Review	<p>Brian Boudreau reported that the regulatory signs are being upgraded. Shoulder retrieval, spot shouldering and brush cutting has or will be done. The tenders are out for new guardrails in many areas of that stretch of road.</p> <p>The Bear River bridge is going to be fixed where the water drains improperly.</p>
Phase 2 Update	<p>There was no update on the Phase 2 other than MLA Gordon Wilson has been keeping in contact with MP Colin Fraser. A written update on getting funding for Phase 2 is requested. A letter will be sent to MLA Gordon Wilson and MP Colin Fraser asking them to provide an update on phase 2.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	
Community Stakeholder Discussion	<p>Has there been any thoughts or discussions on simplifying the planning of Phase 2. For example, getting the highways done first and the overpasses done later as was done in Smith's Cove.</p> <p>Lots of tourist traffic from the Yarmouth Ferry this summer, traveling slow with large trucks coming up behind them traveling at 100km plus. Potential for accidents increased. If the tin mine opens in Yarmouth there will be even more traffic on the road.</p> <p>Stakeholders who have had or will have their property expropriated are frustrated with the process and lack of contact from the TIR staff who they have been dealing with.</p> <p>CAO Fraser will email contact information on the Deputy Minister, Paul LeFleche and the Minister to the affected shareholders.</p>

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Wood that is being cleared	<p>A stakeholder expressed concern that in areas where the clearing is being done for the new highway, the contractor is grinding up wood that could be used as fuel for families that are needy.</p> <p>TIR staff advised that the marketable is wood being set aside and not ground up.</p>
Notification of next meeting	<p>Stakeholders felt that the committee should advertise when next meeting is being held. They were advised that an email is sent to notify members and stakeholders. New stakeholders present were asked to include their email on the sign in sheet.</p> <p>An ad will be placed in the Clare Shopper for the next meeting.</p>
CORRESPONDENCE	
NEXT MEETING	<p>April 23, 2018 @ 1 pm</p> <p>A meeting will be scheduled with MLA Gordon Wilson and MP Colin Fraser during the winter to discuss Phase 2.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>Meeting adjourned at 1:39 pm</p>