

Minutes
Task Force for the Completion of Highway 101
April 15, 2014

Attendees:

Municipality of the District of Digby	Warden Linda Gregory Councillor Maritza Adams Linda Fraser, CAO Pat Stevens, Recording Secretary
Town of Digby	Tom Ossinger, CAO
Municipality of the District of Clare	Councillor Dan Hill Connie Saulnier, CAO
Also Present	Gordon Wilson, MLA Clare Digby Bonnie Miles-Dunn Manager Highway Planning & Design NS Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal Adam Osborne, Engineer, NS Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal Peter MacLellan, Communication Digby
Regrets	Mayor Ben Cleveland, Town of Digby Councillor Mike Bartlett, Town of Digby Warden Ronnie LeBlanc, Municipality of the District of Clare

Welcome & Introductions	Councillor Adams welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.
Additions / Revisions to Agenda	Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion Carried
Minutes	Moved and Seconded that the minutes of February 17, 2014 be approved as circulated. Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
A. Check List and Timelines of what needs to be done	<p>Bonnie Miles-Dunn & Adam Osborne gave an overview of the Highway 101, Digby to Weymouth North, New Corridor Checklist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Functional Design will be started next week. They have aerial photos and mapping of the terrain. They need to establish whether more land will be required. • The interchange locations need to be established. • 15 to 20% of the corridor has already been purchased. • An Environmental Assessment was done in draft form but if a recent one is required a new one will have to be done. It would take 1 – 2 years to do a full EA at the cost of \$150,000 to \$200,000 to finish the assessment. • An application by Eastlink to install a tower near the

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	<p>North Range Road has not been processed due to issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a safety audit done in 2001 on the current highway. TIR will look at getting another safety audit done. A traffic study could be done as well to see where drivers are going to and coming from. • Timelines are difficult to tie down. When funding is secured timelines can be discussed. They are currently allowing a 3 year timeline to do the 5 k section from Digby to Marshalltown. • Peter MacLellan sends out letters to the stakeholders keeping them updated on the progress made after each meeting. • TIR will fine tune the checklist and bring to the next meeting.
B. Proposed location of interchange	This will be a challenge but they are looking at the western end of Marshalltown. If documentation from the community is sent, MLA Gordon Wilson will use this to help push to have the interchange at the Middle Cross Rd
C. Provincial 5 year Capital Plan	This is not a major concern at this time. The 5 year Capital Plan is a public document and is currently listed on the website.
D. Build Canada Fund	Mr. Wilson had a meeting on February 27 th regarding the Build Canada Fund. It will be early fall before the Province submits their list to the Feds. It will not be confirmed until next Spring who gets approved on the Build Canada Fund. Mr. Wilson advised that Paul LaFleche would have been in attendance as well but he was away.
E. Communication to Stakeholders (see attached)	Mr. MacLellan advised that Brian Medel, Chronicle Herald, Yarmouth will be calling for an update on the Highway 101 completion.
NEW BUSINESS	
A. Update – Gordon Wilson, MLA	
B. Update – Bonnie Miles-Dunn and Adam Osborne	
C. Other Business	
CORRESPONDENCE	
NEXT MEETING	September 23, 2014 @ 12:00 noon
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm