

Minutes
Task Force for the Completion of Highway 101
July 5, 2015

Attendees:

Municipality of the District of Digby	Warden Linda Gregory Councillor Maritza Adams Linda Fraser, CAO
Town of Digby	Mayor Ben Cleveland, Town of Digby Tom Ossinger, CAO
Municipality of the District of Clare	Connie Saulnier, CAO
Town of Yarmouth	Councillor Phil Mooney
Village of Weymouth	Anthony Frizzell
Also Present	Peter MacLellan, Communication Digby Gordon Wilson, MLA Clare Digby Adam Osborne, Engineer, NS Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal Debbie MacGinnis, Road Safety Technician
Regrets	Warden Ronnie LeBlanc, Municipality of District of Clare Councillor Dan Hill, Municipality of District of Clare Councillor Mike Bartlett, Town of Digby

Welcome & Introductions	Warden Gregory called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. The Warden welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and asked they introductions be done. The Town of Yarmouth and the Village of Weymouth now have representatives sitting on the Task Force.
Additions / Revisions to Agenda	Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion Carried
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
Discussion on Phase 1	The Environmental Assessment for Phase 1 Digby to approximate area of the Middle Cross Road is expected to be complete by the end of 2016 or early in 2017. The assessment must include seasonal plant studies and an archaeological assessment. The work on the Functional Design is finalized and sent to the highway design engineer.

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	<p>The detailed design should be complete by late summer or early fall.</p> <p>Land acquisition for the “middle parts” of Phase 1 is taking place with Right-Of-Way plans complete. Once the design is complete land acquisition for the two “end parts” will go forward.</p> <p>Clearing is scheduled for early 2017 (tendered in fall 2016)</p> <p>Foundations for structures – Summer 2017 Subgrades - (Type 2; Type 1 gravel) Summer 2017; Paving 2018 with Highway opened Fall of 2018</p> <p>An application for federal funding was sent in Dec 2014. The province received a letter on June 24th which indicates Federal approval of cost sharing. The province has committed \$ 9.2 million with the Federal government providing \$ 7.6 million.</p> <p>In response to a question, it was stated that this section of Highway 101 is not being looked at as a toll highway. The volume of traffic would not pay for the administrative costs associated with a toll highway</p> <p>Councillor Phil Mooney stated that the Council of the Town of Yarmouth is very much in support of the efforts of the Task Force and want to see the highway completed between Digby to Yarmouth before any twinning is done.</p> <p>Phase 1 – Digby to Middle Cross Road (approx area) \$ 16.8 Phase 2 – Middle Cross Road to North Range Phase 3 – North Range to Weymouth North</p> <p>Peter MacLellan will work on a press release on the progress to date. This will also go out as an update to the stakeholders</p>
Alignment of Highway	<p>There will be a re-alignment of Exit 26 to the Marshalltown Road with a possible round-a-bout constructed on the Acacia Valley Road connecting to Beechwood Lane.</p>
Proposed location of interchange	<p>The location of the interchange is proposed for just before the Middle Cross Road.</p>
Bridge for Rail Corridor	<p>As part of Phase 1 a bridge across the highway is to be constructed for the rail corridor for ATV use. The cost is approximately \$ 900,000 and will provide for continual use of the rail corridor for ATV's and provide for safe crossing of the highway. This is good news for the ATV'ers in the area and should be announced in conjunction with the ATV Club.</p>

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NEW BUSINESS	
101 Highway Safety Review Report	<p>Debbie McGinnis, Road Safety Engineer stated that a Road Safety Improvement Plan should be approved in two weeks. This plan will address hazards identified in the Report such as fixed barriers, signage assessments, and left turn lanes. The plan will be a four year plan with timelines identified.</p> <p>Shoulder improvements and brush cutting is being done immediately as part of regions maintenance work.</p>
CORRESPONDENCE	No correspondence
NEXT MEETING	A meeting will be scheduled in September once the detailed design is complete.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm