

**Minutes**  
**Task Force for the Completion of Highway 101**  
**November 21, 2016**

Attendees:

Municipality of the District of Digby	Deputy Warden Linda Gregory Councillor Matthew Ross Linda Fraser, CAO Nicole Robbins, Recording Secretary
Town of Digby	Mayor Ben Cleveland Councillor Mike Bartlett Tom Ossinger, CAO
Municipality of the District of Clare	Warden Ronnie LeBlanc Stephane Cyr, CAO
Town of Yarmouth	Deputy Mayor Phil Mooney
Village of Weymouth	Anthony Frizzell, Village Commissioner
Also Present	Gordon Wilson, MLA Clare Digby Jason Deveau, EA to Colin Fraser  Peter MacLellan, Communication Digby  NS Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal: Bonnie Miles-Dunn, Manager Highway Planning & Design Adam Osborne, Highway Planning Engineer Ian MacCallum, Environmental Analyst Justin Tanner, Senior Highway Planning Engineer Keith Boddy, Engineer Pat Graham, Construction Manager Various other staff from NS Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal  Ivan & Maxine Bain – Community Stakeholder John James – Community Stakeholder Maritza Adams – Community Stakeholder John Amero – Community Stakeholder
Regrets	

<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Deputy Warden Gregory called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. The Deputy Warden welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and asked that introductions be done.
<b>Additions / Revisions to Agenda</b>	<b>Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as circulated.</b>  <b>Motion Carried</b>
<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Moved and Seconded that the minutes of March 10, 2016 be approved as circulated.</b>  <b>Motion Carried</b>

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<b>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b>	
<b>Check List and Timelines</b>	<p>Still working on the land acquisition, this will be a linear purchase which the province is hoping to complete by the end of December 2016. One on one discussions taking place with those properties where there is a house that has to be displaced.</p> <p>Timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Environmental Assessment documents have been registered with the Dept of Environment for review</li> <li>• The clearing will start in December 2016 to March 2017</li> <li>• Trail structure over Highway 101 and Watercourse structure over Seely Brook to begin Spring 2017</li> <li>• Construction to start in the Spring of 2017</li> <li>• Final paving in 2018</li> <li>• Highway opens by fall of 2018.</li> <li>• Working on Design for Phase 2. Gordon Wilson that he is working on getting Phase 2 included in the Provincial 5 year Capital Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Proposed location of interchange</b>	<p>Discussion of Interchange in Marshalltown Phase 1 will see an "at grade" crossing near the Middle Cross Road. It is expected that Phase 2 will include two round-a-bouts, one on each side of highway. Land acquisition to accommodate the two round-a-bouts is included as well as the environment assessment.</p>
<b>Updates – 101 Highway Safety Review Report – Digby to Weymouth North</b>	<p>Discussion of Safety report, some small projects have taken place. Transportation is awaiting budget approval for more small projects such as more guardrails.</p>
<b>Updates – Marshalltown Alms House Site</b>	<p>A meeting took place today between staff of NSTIR and community group "Voices for Hope". Discussed the environmental assessment regarding the cemeteries. It is hard to pin point graves or the number of people buried, as written records are hard to find. There has been some disturbance already; Development of Strawberry farm in 1960's &amp; 1993 Poor farm fire. Community group is looking to commemorate the deceased and working with Municipality of Digby. It is confirmed that the highway construction are will not disturb any gravesites.</p>
<b>Questions from Community Member Group in attendance</b>	<p>Community members in attendance asked questions regarding the timing of Phase 2 and Phase 3, including comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The highway is very dangerous with an accident in Marshalltown that morning and a near miss with a school bus a few weeks ago. The School Board is notifying Gordon Wilson's office of the number of red light infractions.</li> <li>• Make round-a-bouts large enough to handle large trucks and B-trains.</li> </ul>

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>
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<b>Discussion of Phase 2</b>	Gordon Wilson indicated both he and Colin Fraser have identified Phase 2 as a priority. He is working towards getting Phase 2 on the provincial five year Capital Plan. Phase 2 has not yet been determined but is expected to span from the Middle Cross Road to North Range Cross Road. Phase 2 should also include the new interchange at the Middle Cross Road. Timing of construction of Phase 2 will depend upon cost sharing with the Federal Government and the Province.
<b>B. Name change – Trans Canada Highway 101 Task Force</b>	The section of highway from Digby to Weymouth is considered to be part of National Highway system but not part of Trans Canada Highway. Discussion on name change, would name change add urgency or value to the committee? Decided that name change would not add any value and would not be correct as this is not Trans Canada. The current (old) highway will be referred to as Trunk 1.
<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
<b>Meeting Notes – October 13, 2016</b>	Meeting notes from meeting with community group was included in the package.
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	Late March 2017, date to be decided later
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm