

Peachland Hwy97 Task Force Society

Annual General Meeting

Thursday June 20, 2013 at the Peachland Community Centre

Quorum – 10 or 2/3 of membership whichever is less

Present:

Gus Richardson, Chair of the AGM
Bruce Letendre, President
Dan Ashton, MLA
Gail & John Abernethy
Jim & Laura Baker
Peter & Midge Behnke
Craig & Carolyn Brown
David & Blyuma Butler
Donna & Ted Cave
Gord Clark
Greg Cole
Terry Condon
Johnny Cooper
Orv & Dot Davies
Jim & Marilyn Dodd
Bill Goring
Les Imre
Ron & Marg Iverson

Gisela Kibblewhite
Grace Klock
Darin Kryski
Roger & Chantal Lake
David Matthew & Louise Corbeil
John Miller
Dan & Gwyneth Newell
Sheila Price
Gordon W. Pope
Bert Put
Arne Roosen
Phil Seipp
Adolf Stadelman
Mark & Shokou Tissing
Frank & Wendy Warburton
Bob Wells
Ted & Peggy Worobetz

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Having a quorum, the meeting was called to order by G. Richardson at 7:03 pm.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT BOARD**

G. Richardson introduced the current Board: John Abernethy, John Miller, Ted Black, Ted Cave, Marilyn Dodd, Bruce Letendre, Bert Put, Terry Tanner, Peter Warner, and Joe Zuccherio.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION – M/S (J. Abernethy/D. Matthew)

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. **MINUTES OF LAST AGM**

The minutes from the last AGM could not be located and were therefore tabled until next year.

5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

B. Letendre thanked everyone for taking time to attend the meeting.

Highway 97 is not just a ribbon of asphalt between Penticton and Kelowna. It is the only lifeline for the 5,000 Peachland residences to access all services and the outside world. People who don't live here wonder why we want a bypass. Very few residents would want the highway to come through downtown Peachland. This is what happens when the current highway is detoured. We need to bring the message to Government that the highway is our lifeline. The message is not new. It started in 1985 when the Peachland Council had a petition requesting a bypass. We have been waiting for 20 years for a decision. We need each and every member to spread that message.

B. Letendre thanked the Peachland Council for its support and for working well with the Task Force Society. He met with Christy Clark and he gave her articles that have been written by J. Abernethy and B. Put. He was also a volunteer on D. Ashton's campaign. He welcomed and thanked D. Ashton for being present tonight.

Bypasses have become extremely popular in various areas (i.e. Edmonton and Calgary in Alberta). The towns that were bypassed were at first very concerned that they would be forgotten. However they have all flourished and thriving (i.e. Chester and Lunenburg NS and Chemainus and Parksville in BC). Lake County will soon be able to reclaim 6-8 km of lakefront when their bypass opens. We should be able to recapture our lakefront all the way to Antlers Beach.

B. Letendre thanked the Ministry of Transportation (MOTI) for the recent safety upgrades on the current highway such as the traffic light at the mall; the interchange at 13th, and the Princeton improvement. There have been numerous changes within Government in the past few years. We need to recognize that will most likely be another 5-10 years before anything is done. We need to foster and motivate the younger generation so it will continue to build on what is currently being done.

MOTION – M/S (T. Condon/J. Abernethy)

CARRIED

THAT the president's report be accepted as presented.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

T. Cave provided a brief financial report.

	June 20 2013	October 31 2012
BANK	\$ 76.21	\$ 23.49
CASH	\$ 90.54	\$ 58.53
	\$ 166.75	\$ 82.02
INCOME		
▪ November	\$ 30.00	
May	\$ 15.00	
June	\$ 125.00	
May Cash	\$ 30.00	
? Cash	\$ 2.01	
	\$ 202.01	
EXPENSES		
Society Registration	\$ 25.00	
Society Search	\$ 42.28	
Ins. Meeting Room	\$ 50.00	
	\$ 117.28	
OPERATING SURPLUS	\$ 84.73	

He stressed that directors do not submit expense reports (photocopy, calls...). It was noted that the Society was not funded in anyway and that was why the Society was now asking for renewals fees of \$5. There was also a donation jug at the back of the room for coffee donations.

Questions:

- Why are renewal fees not \$ 10? *We want to ensure the renewal is affordable but we will accept any increase you wish to donate.*
- Point of Clarification – *From the beginning the Society would not accept funding from developers who could benefit from the bypass*

MOTION – M/S (G. Abernethy/T. Condon)

CARRIED

THAT the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

7. OTHER REPORTS

7.1. HWY 97 Committee Update

J. Abernethy thanked B. Letendre and the renewed committee for their commitment and hard work. The Society is proof that Peachlanders do not want the current highway upgraded. It is also the collective voice of Peachland which we will express as we move forward. He encouraged everyone to enrol new members.

The Society is not the only voice. The other voices are the Mayor and Council who have been very supportive and active as well as the Hwy 97 Committee. The Committee is the interface with MOTI and also represents the Society's view to Council. It has not been as successful as expected because MOTI has not been receptive. In a recent development Council has been advised that the MOTI will soon commence a meeting process to address Peachland's concerns and the Council committee will be involved. J. Abernethy asked that people recognize that the Society and the Committee have two

different roles. The Society does cooperate with the Committee but it represents the voice of Peachlanders and is not under the direction or control of Council.

7.2. Traffic Study

B. Put acknowledged that the Society has done some research and has been able to write reports that have grabbed the attention of MOTI. He then provided an overview of the upcoming traffic study. This will be a one-day traffic count scheduled for Friday, July 26. It will focus on capturing the commercial traffic and non-commercial (cars, motorcycle, trailers...). It is hoped that from this count we will be able to determine the amount of air pollution caused by traffic.

We will need 36 volunteers for 2-hour shifts. Data will be gathered from 7 am to 7 pm - two people per station – one counting south traffic and the other counting the north traffic. The data will be compared to the 2000 traffic count. Anyone interested in helping should give their names and email addresses to B. Put.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

B. Richardson thanked the outgoing directors: John Miller, Ted Black, and Joe Zucchero.

The slate of Officers recommended by the Board was read as follows:

John Abernethy, Ted Cave, Marilyn Dodd, Ken Klein, Robin LeBossier, Bruce Letendre, Gordon Pope, Bert Put, Gus Richardson, Odina Skovgaard, Terry Tanner, Peter Warner, Bob Wells and Raf De Guebara (which was added after the notice was sent).

Having no further nominations, nominations were closed and the slate was acclaimed

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- Acknowledgements – The following people were acknowledged for their long time service: Gail Abernethy, Bert Put, Ted and Donna Cave, David Matthew, and Gordon Harris. Terry Condon was also acknowledged for his help in having the Society hold its bi-monthly meetings in this room at no extra cost. A special recognition to Bill Guthrie and his speed control team for their work. It is much appreciated.
- Newspaper Articles – A few people expressed appreciation for the recent article in The View. It reminded them of the AGM. There was some discussion if it would be possible to have weekly or bi-weekly articles in The View as they do keep the issue front and center. The Board will definitely consider this request.
- Website – The Society needs help in upgrading and keeping its website current and more user-friendly. If anyone has experience and time to help please contact one of the directors.
- Emails – Members were reminded to advise the Society of any changes to their email addresses in order to ensure they receive all communications.
- Reminder – A final reminder that volunteers are needed for the traffic survey. Please speak with B. Put at coffee.
- Refreshments – Thank you to Gail and Donna for providing the refreshments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Chair – Gus Richardson

Recording Secretary – Louise Corbeil