

**Peachland Hwy97 Task Force Society**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday June 3, 2015 at the Peachland Community Centre**  
*Quorum – 10 or 2/3 of membership whichever is less*

**Present:**

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| Gus Richardson, Chair of the AGM | Mike & Joanna Howard           |
| Bruce Letendre, President        | Ken Jones                      |
| Gail & John Abernethy            | Mae Jeffrey                    |
| Vickie Allard                    | O. Kaufman                     |
| Peter Behnke                     | Ken Klein                      |
| Chris Boyle                      | David Matthew & Louise Corbeil |
| Carol Brown                      | Darrell Opinko                 |
| John Cain                        | Brian Pekrul                   |
| Bev Cairns                       | Gordon Pope                    |
| Donna & Ted Cave                 | Bert Put                       |
| Dave Collins                     | Chris Reiniers                 |
| Diane Cox                        | Patricia Ryder                 |
| & Marilyn Dodd                   | Peter Schierbeck               |
| Cindy Fortin                     | Terry Tanner                   |
| Bill Goring                      | B. & K. Thomson                |
| Chris & Jean Haugland            | Adam Travis                    |
| Laura House                      | Bob Wells                      |

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Having a quorum, G. Richardson, AGM Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. He introduced B. Letendre, President of the Society.

**2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION OF CURRENT BOARD**

B. Letendre, Society Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Special guests Mayor Cindy Fortin, Dave Collins, President of Chamber of Commerce, and Councilor Peter Schierbeck.

He then explained how the Society has been trying to state why Peachland did not want to have a highway through its town. It will now adopt a more aggressive platform.

He acknowledged the 2007 original members of the Society who were present: John Abernethy, Bert Put, Ted Cave, David Matthew, and Terry Tanner. Maggy Lovelock was also recognized.

The present Board members were introduced: J. Abernethy, C. Brown, T. Cave, M. Dodd, K. Janes, K. Klein, G. Pope, B. Put, C. Reiniers, G. Richardson, T. Tanner, and B. Wells. B. Letendre then handed over the meeting back to G. Richardson.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION – M/S (M. Dodd/B. Putt)**

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**4. MINUTES OF 2014 AGM**

**MOTION – M/S (J. Abernethy/G. Abernethy)**

**THAT the 2014 minutes be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**5. PRESIDENT & BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS**

B. Letendre explained that should the current highway be widened then the bridges would need to be 4-lanes and multiple interchanges would be required. Beach Avenue would become the highway for the two or three years of construction. He stressed the importance for residents to lobby members of parliament and to voice their opinions.

**Economic Impact** – J. Abernethy gave an overview of the benefits of a bypass and impact of extending the current highway. The location of the expanded highway is the single most important decision affecting Peachland’s economic future.

Last year the MOTI conducted a jointly funded social and economic study to compare the benefits of a bypass to widening in place. The study was worthless. MOTI and Peachland staff are still working to salvage something useful from that study.

A Central Okanagan Planning Study related to the second Okanagan crossing is under way. However, he felt strongly that the Society needed to conduct its own independent study in order to produce strong economic arguments for a bypass. The Real Estate Foundation of BC provides funding grants for up to 50% of the cost of qualifying studies.

**MOTION – M/S (J. Abernethy/B. Putt)**

**TABLED**

**THAT the Hwy 97 Task Force Society commission on behalf of the DOP’s participation in the COPS an economic impact study comparison of the expanded highway bypassed or expanded in place:**

- ✓ **Using a recommended qualified consultant**
- ✓ **Prepared under Society guidelines in consultation with the District of Peachland**
- ✓ **Following agreement on format, schedule, and budget**
- ✓ **Payment guaranteed by the Society subject to obtaining financing commitments**

G. Richardson questioned if this motion was constitutional. The Societies Terms of Reference state that membership should have received notice 15 days prior to the meeting. Discussion followed. It was agreed that the motion would be tabled. The executive will discuss what next steps should be taken at their next meeting (i.e. special members’ meeting).

**Action: The Board to discuss how to best respond to the tabled motion at its next meeting**

**Working Group** – T. Cave will be representing Peachland on this committee. He provided an overview of the group’s composition. The first meeting will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> at which time the terms of reference will be determined. He encouraged people to read the article in The View and to visit the website [www.engage.gov.bc.ca/okanaganseconddcrossing](http://www.engage.gov.bc.ca/okanaganseconddcrossing) to voice their opinions. As the Peachland representative, T. Cave wants to ensure that he can bring forward a strong case on the economic impact the widening of the current highway would have on Peachland. He asked anyone who had hard facts to contact him.

**Questions:**

- There was no mention of a health representative on this group. This is an important matter (noise, pollution) and it should be addressed. *Agreed, my biggest issue is the noise factor. However we need to differentiate ourselves from other towns (i.e. the narrow strip of land Peachland has is split. It is a tourist destination with our waterfront.*
- Does the Chamber of Commerce get involved? *Many of the businesses are members of the Society. The District of Peachland has voiced its support and it endorsed the MOTI study.*
- Has New Monaco been approached to join the Society? *New Monaco is very supportive but the Society has never accepted any money from anyone that could benefit from it.*

**Canada Day Float** – The float will be in the parade again this year. Anyone who wishes to help revamp the float on June 26. Will have balloons to give out to children.

**History** – M. Dodd provided an historical overview of what transpired over the past 30 years regarding the highway (See attached).

## **6. PROPOSED TRAFFIC COUNT UPDATE**

B. Put is very concerned that the MOTI economic impact study does not mention anything about the increase in traffic. The Society conducted a traffic count last year. It was approximately 10% higher than MOTI’s annual count.

The Society will conduct another traffic count on Friday, July 24 (7 am to 7 pm) with three count areas: Antlers Beach, Drought Hill, and Peachland shopping mall. The shifts are 2 hours only. There are now 36 volunteers but 10 more volunteers would help tremendously. Some logistics still need to be finalized. He encouraged people to become members of the Society and to encourage friends and

neighbours to do likewise.

*Questions:*

- Are you comparing apples to apples when it comes to MOTI?
- Are you questioning MOTI's traffic count and/or its economic impact survey? *Our numbers would definitely question MOTI's count. We are checking them by doing our own count.*

## 7. TREASURER'S REPORT

T. Cave provided a brief financial report.

|                               | <u>May 31<br/>2015</u> | <u>May 31<br/>2014</u>    |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>BANK - Chequing</b>        | \$ 601.82              | \$ 491.47                 |
| - Shares                      | 28.98                  | 28.14                     |
| <b>Cash</b>                   | 137.75                 | 100.00                    |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                 | <b>\$ 768.55</b>       | <b>\$ 619.61</b>          |
| <b>Liabilities</b>            |                        |                           |
| • Acc. Payable AGM – The View | \$ 529.20              |                           |
| <b>Net Assets</b>             | \$ 239.35              |                           |
| <b>INCOME</b>                 |                        |                           |
| • Membership & Donations      |                        | \$ 756.34                 |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>               |                        |                           |
| • AGM 2014                    | \$ 204.12              |                           |
| • Meeting Space               | 211.28                 |                           |
| • Web Hosting                 | 100.00                 |                           |
| • Biz Expo                    | 42.00                  |                           |
| • AGM 2015                    | 579.20                 |                           |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>                 | <b>\$ 1,136.60</b>     | <b>\$ 756.34</b>          |
| <b>OPERATING DEFICIT</b>      |                        | <b><u>(\$ 380.26)</u></b> |

**MOTION – M/S (C. Reiniers/G. Pope)**

**THAT the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

## 8. OTHER REPORTS

**8.1. Report of Committee of Council – Addressed in Point 5**

**8.2. Membership and System Report**

G. Richardson provide the report in P. Warner's absence. Systems are moving forward with a revamped website. Membership is well over 700.

## 9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

John Abernethy, Carol Brown, Ted Cave, Marilyn Dodd, Ken Jones, Ken Klein, Bruce Letendre, Loraine MacKenzie, Wolfgang Muhs, Gordon Pope, Bert Put, Chris Reiniers, Gus Richardson, Terry Tanner, Peter Warner, and Bob Wells.

B. Letendre stated that he hoped four more candidates would step forward. B. Richardson called for nominations three times. Having no further nominations, nominations were closed and the slate was acclaimed. It was noted that people can still come forward and join the Board if should they be interested.

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

**10.1. Comments/Question Period**

- The point I have to make is in respect to noise. Peachland is like a bowl, it carries the sound. If the highway becomes 4-lanes this will be a nightmare. As for tourism and loss of revenue for

business, when Winnipeg built its bypass, it was better for business.

- 90% of the traffic is commuters and the commuter traffic starts at 5 am.
- What are the capital costs between bypass and expanding current highway? There was very little *difference between the two. However MOTI controls the numbers that is why we need an independent study.*

### **10.2. Chamber of Commerce**

D. Collins, Chamber of Commerce President address the assembly. He advocates that Peachland needs to voice its concerns. He made the following suggestions:

- That the Society take advantage of long weekends when traffic is backed-up to no end. This is a major concern should a fire start and traffic can't move. Capture information on your website and ask stranded motorist to vote on the website (i.e. Tired of sitting in traffic then vote...).
- Have a link to Facebook page. Facebook is very powerful tool.
- The more information you can gather from other cities as to what worked, what didn't re: business impact then create a comprehensive report for Peachland businesses. The Chamber will continue to stay informed as to what you are doing.
- Encourage sponsorships
- Make a movie

#### *Questions:*

- I've noticed that weekend traffic has increased tremendously and people are taking chances to get onto the highway.
- Why don't you ask your Chamber members for their pros/cons and share it with this Society? *That is happening to the large extent as we are liaising with the Society so both sides are kept informed.*
- Summerland and West Kelowna have been invited to sit on our Society Board. Summerland seems interested.
- The Society has an excellent short video which we hope to expand with sound in the coming year.

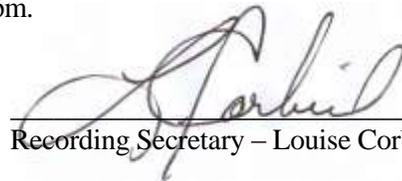
## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

B. Letendre gave some closing remarks.

Having no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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Chair – Gus Richardson



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Recording Secretary – Louise Corbeil