

Minutes
May 19th, 2015
HWY 97 Task Force Society
Banquet Room Peachland Community Centre

Attendance:

Bruce Letendre	John Abernethy	Loraine MacKenzie
Wolfgang Muhs	Peter Warner	Ted Cave
Carol Brown	Gordon Pope	Ken Klein
Chris Reniers	Marilyn Dodd	

Guests:

Gail Abernethy

Chairman Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

That the minutes from April 21st, 2015 be accepted.

Moved by: Gordon Pope

Seconded: Marilyn Dodd

Carried.

Motion to reduce the number of Highway 97 Taskforce signing authorities to any two of the following members:

- John Abernethy
- Ted Cave
- Bob Wells
- Bert Putt
- Marilyn Dodd

Moved by: Ken Klein

Seconded: Carol Brown

Motion to amend the above motion to read: Any two of the following signatories will be required in order to issue a cheque:

- John Abernethy
- Ted Cave

- Bob Wells
- Bert Putt
- Marilyn Dodd

Moved by: Marilyn Dodd

Seconded: John Abernethy

Business Arising:

Bruce brought up MOTI study with Ted Cave appointed as representative from last meeting. Bruce read the relevant section of the last minutes and clarified that it was Terry Tanner who had the encounter with Carl Zannon.

Ted talked about the continuity of the bypass and the 2nd crossing, while John continued to emphasize the negative impact on the economy if the bypass is not connected to the crossing. John also explained grade differentials at Greata Ranch crossing as well as the various suggested bypass routes.

Carol Brown spoke with a local architect, who mentioned that MOTI might make an announcement of a Vernon crossing. Vernon bypass would connect to Westside Road.

Bruce brought up the News Releases of MOTI meeting May 20th, 2015 in Westbank. Bruce read the article from Westside Weekly, Friday, May 8th, 2015 titled "Mayor Wants New Corridor".

Ted recommended that we do not wait until meetings to add articles to the web site. Peter Warner is to vet them prior to posting. It was agreed that scanning is too messy; we need digital information delivered electronically. A request was made for someone to help Ian with the web site. A brief discussion of when meetings should be posted online resulted in the consensus of posting the minutes after final adoption.

Motion that articles of a nature appearing relevant to our society be forwarded to Peter Warner for his perusal.

Moved by: Chris Reneirs

Seconded: Carol Brown

Committee Reports:

Membership Report:

Peter had nothing further to report since the April 21st Board Meeting. Bruce did not receive a response from Pam Cunningham until 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 16th as to whether we could get a tent. Membership got “rained out”. Ted suggested that we “play ball” with the World of Wheels organizers. The focus should remain on obtaining community support.

Treasurer’s Report:

Ted announced a \$645.00 bank balance although there are still a couple of outstanding cheques. There was a contribution of \$180.00 from memberships, donations.

That the report be accepted as presented:

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Carried.

The May 5th meeting at Ted’s residence resulted in the creation of Ken Janes’ quarterly newsletter. Carol and Marilyn have offered to assist Ken with production. The board approved the quarterly newsletter as explained in Ken Janes’ submission.

A motion to approve quarterly newsletter following the suggestions and initiatives contained in Ken’s email.

Moved by: Peter Warner

Seconded by: John Abernethy

Carried.

New Business:

Ted expanded on his position (invitation from the Mayor) as representative for the Central Okanagan Transportation Study. Ted read the proposal for his representation of the community working group.

July 1st Parade – Ted requested additional bodies to assist in organizing the float and recruiting volunteers. Chris suggested a newsletter be handed out at the parade. Marilyn read aloud last year’s written material which was distributed at the parade. We must reach out to members to participate in the parade.

The AGM has been set for June 3rd at 7:00 Pm at the Seniors Centre. Bruce called for someone to volunteer for Nominating Committee of Officers. Carol and Marilyn will form the Committee. We should ask for membership volunteers and up to 20 directors. Furthermore, a chairman is required. Bruce will announce AGM to Allan Hollander on the radio.

Marilyn asked about Trevor reporting last week and recommended that we should have his article appear before the AGM; Bruce is to make this request. Erin is working on his report. Some small changes were agreed to for the AGM advertisement going out this week.

There was a brief discussion on the next, proposed traffic count. What has the traffic increase been over the past several months?

Bruce made reference to Westbank Mayor Findlater’s article.

John reflected on Urban Systems 2004 report and the issues which have never been addressed by MOTI – no development on the lake! Peter suggested that the “pitch” to government is to go with the strongest argument:

- Peachland is unique.

That the next meeting be June 16th, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Moved by: John Abernethy

Seconded by: Chris Reniers

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Loraine MacKenzie

