

HIGHWAY 104 AT ANTIGONISH COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

MEETING NOTES - MEETING #3
APRIL 16, 2008

Attendees: John Bain
Mike Croft
Dwayne Cross
Philana Dollin
Ken Donnelly
Roger Garby
Alisha Grant
Hugh MacDougall
Bill MacFarlane
Anne-Marie MacKenzie
Robert Pictou
Ken Proctor
Elizabeth Pugh
Brian Segal
Wes Surrett
Allan Bond

Regrets: Rose Julian, Kuli Malhotra, Mary McCarron, Len Robertson,
Frank Gallant

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND REVIEW

Ken Donnelly welcomed the Community Liaison Committee back for a third meeting and introductions were made around the table. The Committee briefly reviewed and approved the agenda and the meeting notes from last month.

Action items from last week were reviewed:

1. Elizabeth: Inquired with TIR lawyers about liability issue. She was informed that nothing further is required; however, if individuals would like to seek out their own liability coverage, this is acceptable. As a group, however, it was requested that TIR provide a written statement absolving the committee of liability.
2. Ken: The website is up and running. On it can be found the CLC charter as well as various background documents. www.104antigonish.ca
3. Dwayne: A schedule/timeline for construction is still in the works
4. Ken: A draft press release will be circulated shortly.
5. Elizabeth: Information on dispute resolution will be brought to the next meeting.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE EXISTING HIGHWAY

Mike Croft of TIR made a presentation on access management and the suggested Access Management Plan (AMP) for the existing Highway 104. The presentation described the scope of the area and the objectives of access management in the area described; gave a review of options for how to manage the existing highway; outlined access standards from other jurisdictions (including access permitting, signals/roundabouts and other access requirements; and, a review of next steps. Pending approval to do so, a copy of this presentation will be sent around to the Committee.

Following the presentation, the CLC was given an opportunity to ask questions and have a discussion. The questions/discussion focused around the following points:

- Change of land use
- Rules for existing use
- Meaning of different types of access
- Timing of implementations
- Roundabouts
- Approval processes
- Timing for feedback

Action: The timing of feedback item will go on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Action: A suggestion was put forward that land owners that will be affected by the access management strategy be notified directly. It was also suggested that a community info session be organized to help inform the public of the AMP. Ken will help organize/coordinate this.

The CLC felt that for any valid decisions to be made around access management of the existing highway 104, they would need to be able to look more closely at the map presented. Action: Mike will inquire at TIR about the status of the map and request permission to circulate to the CLC.

STRUCTURES AND VIEWPLANES

Dwayne presented some information to the Committee on structures and viewplanes for the new Highway 104. There was limited information available on structures, however, it was conveyed to the Committee that there is promise that TIR can accommodate visual aesthetics of highway structures into the construction of the new Highway, but these will need to be balanced with cost. One example presented was a tunnel crossing.

Following the discussion on structures, Dwayne presented some information about visibility on the new Highway using cross-section elevation graphs and photographs of similar areas in Nova Scotia. It was shown that because of the slope of the highway at the decision point for exit, there would be relatively good visibility of Antigonish. The discussion that followed from this presentation focused on the following points:

- Recognition of Antigonish
- The primary exit for the area
- Concern about signage prior to Addington Forks exit

Action: The signage experts from TIR will attend next month's meeting. This will allow the CLC to have all the resources present regarding possibilities for signage, exit ramps, etcetera.

COSTING

Dwayne presented the committee with a list of estimated average construction costs. Action: These numbers will be distributed to the CLC by email. Please note, these numbers are 2 years out of date and represent high level costing only.

SIGNAGE

This issue will be carried forward to next month's meeting.

LIABILITY AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

These issues will be carried forward to a later date, to be determined.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Next month's meeting will take place Wednesday May 28th at 11:00am.