NORTH CENTRAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Annual Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 17, 2025

Senior Citizen's Centre, Blaine Lake, SK

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the North Central Transportation Planning Committee held in Blaine Lake at the Senior Citizen's Centre on Thursday, April 17, 2025
Vice-Chairperson George Tomporowski called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
Jim Joanette, Division 2 Rural Representative welcomed everyone to Blaine Lake on behalf of the RM, Town and the Seniors.

Nomination of Annual Meeting Chairperson

Jim Joanette nominated George Tomporowski as Annual Meeting Chairperson.
Motion: Bruce Cron moved; Tom Hougham seconded: That nominations cease. **CARRIED**
George Tomporowski acclaimed 2025 Annual General Meeting Chairperson.

Agenda

Motion: Bruce Cron moved; Leonard Yasieniuk seconded:
That the agenda be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Introduction of the NCTPC Executive

Vice Chairperson Tomporowski named the current Executive members of the North Central Planning Committee - Division 1 – Rural – Henry Gareau, Division 1 Urban – Tyler Broad, Division 2 Rural – Jim Joanette, Division 2 Urban – Richard Porter, Division 3 Rural – Edwin Rundbraaten, Division 3 Urban – John Herd, Division 4 Rural – Randy Aumack, Division 4 Urban – George Tomporowski, Division 5 Rural – Tom Hougham, Division 5 Urban - Nancy Schneider, Division 6 Rural – Zane Lacoursiere, Division 6 Urban – Louis McCaffrey, and Beth Herzog, Executive Administrator. Also, at this time, Tomporowski welcomed Jennifer Fertuck (MoH), Al Lindsay (MoH), Michael Knight (MoH), Jason Senga (MoH) and all the NC members in attendance today.

Minutes

A copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of May 6, 2024 was available at the door.
Motion: Bruce Cron moved; Nancy Schneider seconded:
That the minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting held on May 6, 2024 in Blaine Lake be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

NCTPC Annual Financial Statement

Vice-Chairperson Tomporowski presented the NCTPC Financial Statement for April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 that was prepared by Executive Administrator, Beth Herzog.
Motion: Jim Joanette moved; Edwin Rundbraaten seconded:
That the Year End Financial Statement for the period of 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 be approved as presented.
CARRIED

NCTPC Financial Statement Review Approval

Executive Director John Herd read the 3 options outlined by the Non-Profit Corporations Act for requiring auditing of the books of a Non-Profit Organization. He then presented a motion of recommendation made by the NCTPC Executive at their April 17, 2025 Regular Executive Meeting. That motion stated, "That we recommend to the membership at the 2025 AGM that a review of the finances of the North Central Transportation Planning Committee for 2024-2025 fiscal year be conducted by R&D Tax Services of Shellbrook and the resulting statements be submitted to the Corporations Branch of the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General for filing.
Motion Bruce Cron moved; John Ogenchuk seconded:
That the Membership of the North Central Transportation Planning Committee (NCTPC) have a review of the finances of the North Central Transportation Committee for the 2024-2025 fiscal year by R&D Tax Services of Shellbrook and the resulting statements be submitted to the Corporations Branch of the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General for filing.
CARRIED

NCTPC Chairperson's Report

Vice Chairperson George Tomporowski presented the 2024-25 highlights for NCTPC.

Since our last report to you, North Central has held 5 meeting dates: May 6th in Blaine Lake, June 20th in Mayfair, September 5th in St. Walburg, November 7th in Birch Hills and February 6th in Shellbrook. The May.6th meeting included our AGM with an organizational meeting.

The EWC has been and continues working together in understanding the new operational model and the work done in developing the data along with ongoing work developing processes to get the help and support of our members. North Central has reached out to all municipalities by email outlining the improvements to the Provincial Transportation Planning Program.

Quarterly Scans These are scans of the transportation planning area for future developments that could impact the traffic along the transportation network. These could be planned expansions, new developments, or even investor speculation in areas across the North Central.

Semi-Annual These are reports on changes that have taken place that impact traffic on the transportation network. These could be expansions, newly constructed developments, or even closures in areas across the North Central.

Segment Improvement Strategy • NCTPC have been asked to recommend sections of highway under 5km that require improvement, while these sections seem short, incremental improvements on the transportation system ultimately make the overall system better. If your municipality would like to recommend a section(s) of highway for improvement, we ask you to contact your Executive Committee member. NCTPC will be sending out an updated list of the division contacts in the near future.

Nomination Process • There seems to be some confusion about the process for nominating individuals for election to the Executive Working Committee (EWC). Nominations must come from a municipality within the Division the person will represent and only paid member of that Division of NCTPC can vote in the event of an election and only one vote per municipality is permitted

Governance and Strategic Planning Workshops with Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (University of Regina) were held in February 2025. The successful completion of the workshops held in Edam and Birch Hills with presenters Keith Comstock and Dan Florizone covered topics on roles of Council, measures on how to gauge progress using many of their work life experiences to reinforce concepts.

Memberships for 2025-2026 are starting to come in. If your municipality has not yet submitted your annual membership fee we encourage you to get them in. The Executive looks forward to a productive year in an open and two-way communication between North Central and the municipalities in sharing what has been happening on the network.

Ministry of Highways Update
Area Transportation Planning Program
Jennifer Fertuck and Alan Lindsay
NCTPC AGM 2025

Program Review Implementation

- Communication challenges
- Unclear roles and responsibilities
- Targeted outcomes needed
- Meaningful regional insights

Targeted Outcomes That Capture Regional Insight: Municipal and industry Input and Regional Discussion

- Transportation Plans
- Important Corridor Lists
- Development Scans
- Project Candidate Lists

Communication

- Integrated Provincial and Municipal Transportation Planning with the Ministry, Executive Working Group, Member Municipalities, Non-Member Municipalities and Industry
    - Feedback by the MoH on project lists received by October
    - Education on common questions
    - Member and non-member input captured in the deliverables
    - Emphasis on program deliverables and collaboration

Roles and Responsibilities

- Development Officer, Executive Working Group and Chairs responsibilities were explained.

Best Practices of Quarterly Scans

- Future developments that could impact traffic along the transportation network
  - Including planned expansions, new developments or even investor speculation

Best Practices of Semi-Annual Reviews

- Report changes that have taken place that impact traffic on the network
  - Including expansions, newly constructed developments or closures

Strategic Investment Submissions by NCTPC

- Highway 3 & 21S acceleration lanes – directed to Safety Improvement Program
- Highway 2 & 55 intersection improvements - directed to Safety Improvement Program
- Highway 376 rebuild and hill removal – Long Term
- Highway 40 & 376 intersection improvements - directed to Safety Improvement Program
- Highway 3 hill climbing lane on west side of Deer Creek Bridge – Long Term

A copy of the 2025-2026 Ministry Planned Work will be emailed to all municipalities attending the AGM.

SARM- Randy Aumack, Division 6 Director

The Area Transportation Planning Committees has the full support of SARM as we believe it is a valuable venue to make awareness of the roads that have the heaviest traffic and therefore needs the most important maintenance attention. The change of selecting 5 most important projects within each area transportation group is also welcomed as it highlights the most important projects within each transportation group and can set out a clearer picture to the Ministry of Highways as to what work is most important at the local level.

SARM is pleased and thankful that the Saskatchewan 2025 budget includes 18.4 million dollars invested into the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Program. The RIRG program provides funding for improvement on heavily used municipal roads within Saskatchewan. The program is administered by SARM and the Clearing the Path Program is also funded under this program. SARM is working on a resolution that was passed at the past annual 2025 Convention. BE IT RESOLVED that SARM investigate a new program that would help subsidize the use of road stabilization products for rural roads that do not meet the requirements of the RIRG road program. This resolution gives SARM the ability to work with the Ministry of Highways to advocate for a slight change in the RIRG program to possibly include road stabilization products on grid roads that don't fit the present criteria.

SARM takes a stance for the Federal Government whoever is elected to eliminate net zero carbon emission mandate, rescind Bill C-69 which is the No Pipelines Bill, and eliminate the oil and gas emissions cap which is a production cap. The carbon tax needs to be eradicated, both consumer and industrial based. Sask Agriculture has done a great job doing their part with carbon emissions to almost net zero. The Global Institute for Food Security, working out of the University of Saskatchewan has done the studies and actual in field tests, have drawn the conclusion that Sask farming techniques are the best in the world for leaving a very small carbon foot print. Western Canada and Saskatchewan have been neglected for the past 10 years with the Federal Government that has held power. We need change for fairer funding for Western Canada. The Federal funding has been population based and that needs to change. We have 40% of the arable land in this province and the funding for Ag and our highway system has been close to non-existent. Again, I want to stress that what ever Federal Government takes power, we are going to advocate strongly for fairness for Saskatchewan and Western Canada. With that, I wish you all the best in the upcoming new crop year and may all your crops be bumper.

SUMA

No report available.

Elections:

Division 1 Urban

Rob Michayluk nominated by a letter from the Town of Wakaw, March 17, 2025
Motion: Bruce Cron/Jim Joanette moved that nominations cease. **Cd.**
Rob Michayluk proclaimed elected by acclamation

Division 3 Urban

Chrysie Braaten nominated by a letter from the Town of Birch Hills, February 18, 2025.
Motion: Tom Hougham/Bruce Cron moved that nominations cease. **Cd.**
Chrysie Braaten proclaimed elected by acclamation.

Division 5 Urban
Nancy Schneider nominated by a letter from the Town of St. Walburg,
Motion: Bruce Cron/Leonard Yasieniuk moved that nominations ceased.
Nancy Schneider proclaimed elected by acclamation. **Cd.**

Division 6 Urban
Three calls for nominations from the floor was held.
Motion Jim Joanette/Rob Michayluk moved that nominations cease. **Cd.**
Division 6 Urban remains vacant.

Division 2 Rural
Jim Joanette nominated by an email from the RM of Blaine Lake, February 9, 2025
Motion: Eugene Sass/Tom Hougham moved that nominations cease. **Cd.**
Jim Joanette proclaimed elected by acclamation.

Division 4 Rural
Randy Aumack nominated by a letter from the RM of Meeting Lake, April 8, 2025
Motion: Nick Partyka/Bruce Cron moved that nominations cease. **Cd.**
Randy Aumack proclaimed elected by acclamation.

Division 6 Rural
Zane Lacoursiere nominated by a letter from the RM of Turtle River,
Motion: Bruce Cron/Rob Michayluk moved that nominations cease. **Cd.**
Zane Lacoursiere proclaimed elected by acclamation.

Industry
Three calls for nominations from the floor was held.
Motion Bruce Cron/tom Hougham moved that nominations cease. **Cd.**
Industry remains vacant.

Adjournment:: John Ogenchuk That the meeting be adjourned @ 5:00pm.

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Chairman **Executive Administrator**