

**Minutes of the 2003 Annual Meeting & Provincial Reports of the  
Western Canada Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association (WCR&HCA)  
Held 9:30 am Wednesday, February 18, 2004  
The Fairmont Orchid Resort, Kona, Hawaii, USA**

**1. Call meeting to order.**

A quorum having been declared, Frank Rizzardo, Chair of the WCR&HCA called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and welcomed everyone in attendance.

**2. Approve minutes of the March 11, 2003 Annual Meeting.**

Minutes of the March 11, 2003 Annual Meeting of the WCR&HCA were approved as circulated on motion by Lowe/Lee.

**3. Reports:**

**a. Canadian Construction Association (CCA)**

The report from Tom Brown Chair of the CCA dated January 2004 was presented to the AGM – see attached.

**b. WCR&HCA Representative to the TRIP/Canada Management Committee:**

Frank Rizzardo, WCR&HCA representative on the TRIP Management Committee presented two reports: “2003 TRIP Canada Annual Report February 2004,” and “Summary and Analysis of the Throne Speech February 2, 2004,” each authored by Jeff Morrison, Executive Director, TRIP/Canada.

**c. Gold Seal Report:**

The report from Terry Brown, Chair of the National Gold Seal Committee dated February 5, 2004 – attached – was presented.

**d. WCR&HCA Website/Reflection of Activities**

Chris Lorenc, President of the WCR&HCA, presented an overview of the WCR&HCA activities which were compiled in a brief entitled “A Reflection of Activities 1997 to Present” - see attached - along with an overview of the new WCR&HCA website and the profile related reasons for having created such a website.

**4. Provincial Reports:**

**a. British Columbia:**

Bill Swaine presented the attached report from the BC Roadbuilder & Heavy Construction Association.

John Dyble, ADM BC Transportation presented a power point overview of transportation related programming in the province of British Columbia – see attached.

**b. Alberta:**

Gil Brulotte presented the attached report from the ARHCA on its activities – see attached.

Jay Ramotar, Deputy Minister Alberta Transportation presented an overview of the programming directions in Alberta. He expressed support for the notion of working with industry and his western Canada Deputy Minister colleagues to advance the interests and progress towards sustainable transportation investment policies at the provincial and national level. He offered to assist if there was a desire to coordinate an industry/Deputy Minister discussion.

**c. Saskatchewan:**

Brent Hendry presented the attached report from the Saskatchewan Road Builders & Heavy Construction Association of Saskatchewan dated March 2004, along with a report from the Minister of Saskatchewan Transportation – see attached.

**d. Manitoba:**

Cal Moon presented the attached Activity Report of the MHCA, along with a report from the Hon. Ron Lemieux, Manitoba TGS Minister – see attached.

**5. WCR&HCA Outgoing Chairman's Report.**

Frank Rizzardo presented the attached report outlining the activities of the WCR&HCA during his term as Chair.

**6. Passing of the Gavel - Introduction of New WCR&HCA Chair.**

Frank Rizzardo, presented to the meeting the incoming Chair of the WCR&HCA, Cal Moon, Chair of the MHCA, and ceremonially past the gavel.

**7. Introduction of the 2004/2005 WCR&HCA Board of Directors.**

Cal Moon expressed his thanks on all members' behalf to Frank Rizzardo for his generous time devoted to the WCR&HCA and related matters.

He then introduced the list of the 2004-04 WCR&HCA Board of Directors – see attached.;

**8. Incoming Chair Presentation - Priorities:**

Cal Moon as incoming Chair presented his view on priorities - see attached - which addressed the following areas:

- a. New "*fiscal deal*" for cities - sustained funding from the federal government for a National Infrastructure Program targeting investment in Canada's core municipal infrastructure;
- b. Establish linkages with "*Hub Mayor's Caucus*" and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – "*Bridging the Gap Program*;"
- c. Invite "*Hub Mayors*" of Western Canada and other strategic municipal officials to future conventions – Mayors Round Table;;
- d. Pursue appropriate contact with federal and provincial governments in support of federal fuel tax allocation towards a National Highways Program;
- e. Strategic Infrastructure Investments platforming investments in infrastructure assets which facilitate new economic activities.
- f. Continue support of Transportation Awareness Partnership (TAP); and
- g. WCR&HCA promotion through the Website, Convention, other.

**9. New business.**

The meeting was advised that the WCR&HCA adopted two policy briefs, one entitled "National Infrastructure Strategy (NIS) – Rebuilding Canada," and Federal Fuel Tax Allocation to the National Highways System." These two briefs and the approaches articulated in them were consistent with messages being promoted at the national level by the Canadian Construction Association (CCA). They reflected the discussion being advanced by Prime Minister Martin, who had committed to allocated fuel taxes to municipalities with which to address their core municipal, and transportation deficit challenges.

In response to a question from the floor, the meeting was advised that the Board had approved addressing a letter from the WCR&HCA to the Prime Minister on these issues.

The letter from the Association will confirm industry support for the allocation principle, but that it is as well adjusted by a number of principles, namely:

- a. The entire program created from the allocation be publicly tendered;
- b. The flowed funds be required to enhance and not replace existing levels of municipal government investment in its core infrastructure and transportation systems; and
- c. The allocation of program funds considers geography, population and need.

In addition the WCR&HCA will remind of the financial investment needs of the national highways system, which would benefit from an allocation of federal fuel taxes.

**10. Adjournment.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.