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Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

On behalf of the Board of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association (TCYHA) we extend our congratulations on your recent election.

The TCYHA has a 75year history of working cooperatively with the Federal and all four Western Provincial Governments in ensuring the necessary infrastructure needs to further economic development and the safe and efficient movement of people and goods along the Yellowhead corridors (TC#16 and BC#5) are being addressed. Your municipality is an important part of that history and we hope we can count on it being a part of our collective future.

As the representative voice of the many municipalities along both the Trans Canada #16 and BC#5 highways, we look forward to continuing to work together to identify concerns and find solutions. In doing so, we strive to help our national economy by being a part of a process that facilitates effective, efficient, and enjoyable transportation options.

The Yellowhead Highway Corridor plays an integral part in not only the economy of Western Canada but also by extension to all of Canada. A significant proportion of Provincial GDP is connected through commercial traffic on Trans Canada #16 Yellowhead and BC#5 Yellowhead Highways. As daily commercial traffic increases, providing access to valued resources and services, ensuring this route has the proper infrastructure to facilitate safe and efficient movement enhances economic growth to everyone's benefit.

Allow us a few moments to re-introduce ourselves to those newly elected: Although the history of the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association can trace its roots dating back to 1819, with the facilitation of moving goods from the Prairies to the West Coast by Iroquois Metis Pierre Bostonais – also known as “Yellowhead”, the current organizational structure began in 1947. It was at this time that municipalities across all four Western Provinces got together so that they could form one entity that would represent their collective voice on matters concerning transportation and related matters. This entity is the Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway Association. This collective effort resulted in the construction of what we now know as Trans Canada Yellowhead Highway #16 and its southern arm in British Columbia, Yellowhead #5.

We continue to work with governments to address ongoing highway improvements, all of which focus on increasing travel safety. We also are very

active in promoting the highway as a primary means of transportation for commercial and tourist travelers.

The last few years have been challenging for all of us; dealing with a pandemic and the consequential impacts it has had on our economies and general community health, physical, emotional, and financial. Now is the time, much like when the Association first came to being, that a collective and collaborative voice has the potential for significant impact. We will find strength in unity more so than individually and in doing so come out of these trying times stronger than ever.

The TCYHA will continue developing proactive approaches to promote regional tourism and when appropriate to expand that to pan-Western tourism. We have also are working with Indigenous Tourism agencies to enhance that outreach. A communal effort will be in everyone's best interests.

Each year the members of TCYHA convene to put together Resolutions that we collectively would like to bring to Government's attention. We look forward to ongoing collaboration in moving forward key transportation infrastructure concerns which will have very positive benefits for all the constituents on and along the Yellowhead corridors and help enhance traveler safety.

We invite you to share any highway concerns with us so we can work together to formulate effective strategies in getting them addressed. We encourage you to appoint a member of your Council to serve as a liaison to TCYHA and act as your Designated Representative.

We wish you safe and healthy travels,



Merv Starzyk  
TCYHA President  
(Mayor, RM Yellowhead MB)



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