



**TRANSPORT ACTION ATLANTIC  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
13 May 2017  
CN Pensioners Centre  
Moncton NB  
2:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

1. Call to order/welcome
2. Regrets
  - a. Not recorded (see \*Note below)
3. Adoption of agenda
  - a. Adopted.
4. Greetings from City of Moncton (Councillor Greg Turner)
5. Minutes of previous AGM (9 April 2016) – Tim Hayman
  - a. Presented and adopted.
6. Business Arising from minutes
  - a. None.
7. President's report – Ted Bartlett
  - a. See Appendix I
8. Treasurer's report – Don MacLeod
  - a. See Appendix II
9. Auditor's Report – Allan MacDonald
  - a. See Appendix III
10. Appointment of auditor
  - a. Allan MacDonald was appointed to continue as auditor for the upcoming year.
11. Nomination committee report/election of directors – Don MacLeod
  - a. The following were nominated and elected as directors for 2017-18: Ted Bartlett, Ashley Morton, Donald MacLeod, Iain Dunlop, Tim Hayman, Christine Mills Garnet, Clark

Morris, Michael Perry, Allan MacDonald, Marcus Garnet, Tom Beckett, David Gunn, John Pearce (President Emeritus), James Munves (Honourary Director)

12. Website development/social media – Ashley Morton/Tim Hayman
  - a. General update was delivered on the current status of the website and ongoing work to expand social media (Facebook and Twitter) presence.
13. New business
14. Panel Discussion – Sustainable Transportation: How do we get there?
  - a. Our slate of panelists provided some excellent and thought provoking discussion on the topic of how we get to sustainable transportation, covering a wide range of topics that affect communities throughout the Maritimes. The panelists were as follows: David Coon (MLA Fredericton South), Greg Turner (Councillor at-large, Moncton), Erica Butler (journalist, Halifax Examiner), Adrian Hetherington (traffic analyst), and Michael Perry (TAA Board member, involved with RuralLynx/Charlotte County transit initiative).
15. Adjournment

**\*Note:** Minutes for the 2017 TAA AGM were recorded by TAA secretary Iain Dunlop. Sadly, Iain passed away later in 2017. As such, the minutes above have been reconstructed, and do not contain all details that may have been recorded during the meeting itself.

## Appendix I

# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

13 May 2017

“Hurry up – and wait!” That seems an appropriate theme for my annual report to the membership this year.

It's been a little more than 12 months since our last AGM – and we're apparently no closer to the startup of that promised minimalist form of daily VIA Rail service here in the Maritimes; highway twinning still trumps investment in rail infrastructure in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; there's no sign of the long-awaited public transit in Charlotte County; and we're still waiting for a response to our protest to Ottawa about the rapid escalation in Newfoundland ferry rates – more than a year later.

Sometimes it's hard to be an optimist – but the news isn't entirely negative. We've actually had some significant successes over the past year. The ministers of transportation in both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have given us the opportunity to bend their respective ears – and so has the CEO of VIA. Indeed, Minister Bill Fraser in New Brunswick has met with us on three separate occasions since his appointment to the portfolio – and he and his senior staff appear to value our input. He's been engaging with the management of VIA and CN, as well as his federal counterparts, which I view as an encouraging sign.

In Nova Scotia, after considerable effort, we were able to obtain an audience with Minister Geoff MacLellan – and we're hopeful that we'll be able to keep that door open regardless of which party wins the upcoming vote. Lots of talk about highway twinning in the campaign – but unless I've missed something – I don't believe there's been any thought of making the dormant Cape Breton rail line an election issue.

We spent nearly 90 minutes in January engaging with VIA President Yves Desjardins-Siciliano. YDS, as he is generally referred to, is a very determined and dynamic person, and I have no doubt he'd like to be remembered as the man who rescued passenger rail in Canada from the brink of oblivion. That said, he's adamant that we shouldn't expect a return to daily service by the *Ocean* anytime soon – even though we believe

we've made a compelling case for how it can be done without breaking the bank.

Their plan is to reactivate RDCs – 1950s-vintage equipment that hasn't been used in the Maritimes in 27 years – to provide daily weekday service on two routes. Not our preferred solution, but certainly an improvement over what we now have. But it's taken an eternity to get this thing moving. In fairness, it's not entirely VIA's fault, but patience is wearing a bit thin – especially on New Brunswick's North Shore.

We've maintained a close relationship with Miramichi-Grand Lake MP Pat Finnigan – who's taken the role as champion of passenger rail in the Atlantic Liberal Caucus. But he so far has been unable to convince the decision makers that this region needs to be an integral part of a faster, and more frequent national network.

Elsewhere in New Brunswick, despite the strong business case built by those tireless volunteers in Charlotte County, and indications of support among politicians at all levels, there is still no sign of the money needed to make it happen. It would be tragic if this excellent initiative were to come to naught because of needless political and bureaucratic obstacles.

The court challenge on Newfoundland ferry rates will now be heard in St. John's in the fall – rather than in Toronto where the action was originally filed. In this regard, your executive was pleased to appoint a board member from Newfoundland to fill a vacancy. Tom Beckett has many years of experience in transportation policy as a public servant, and is keeping a close eye on the ferry rate issue – not just the court case but also the continued escalation in passenger and vehicle fares that has far outstripped the cost of living index over the past two decades.

As public transportation advocates, it's obvious that we certainly have lots of work ahead of us. We'll be airing some of the major issues further in our panel discussion very shortly. But keeping these legitimate concerns before the public demands that this organization get more people behind it. We need to attract a more diverse – and younger – membership base if we are to be effective in the challenge that lies before us.

Our enhanced website and increased social media presence are helping build our profile, and once again I extend kudos to our webmaster Tim

Hayman who's been working diligently to keep our site current and to strengthen communication with the membership and the general public. We're also developing a new recruitment brochure, because we desperately need more volunteers to assist in getting our message out. Additional help is essential for such activities as maintaining a presence at public events and trade shows, and distribution of literature.

One very positive team-building exercise was held recently in the Halifax area, involving about 30 members and supporters. I want to commend Ashley Morton and Tim Hayman for their initiative and leadership in making this combined excursion and discussion session such a success. I do hope we can do something similar here in New Brunswick in the near future.

Once again, I ask you to please seriously consider what you personally can do to further the cause, and to encourage others to get involved.

Thank you for your support.

Appendix II – Financial Report

*Transport Action Atlantic*

*Financial Statements FY 2016*

*Sheet "A" Bank Reconciliation*

*Sheet "B" Bank Statement*

*Sheet "C" Income Statement*

*Sheets "D" Expense Analysis*

*Sheet "E" Balance Sheet*

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*Transport Action Atlantic*  
*Bank Reconciliation December 31 2016*

*Balance per books December 31 2015* *\$ 4,863.84*

*Add Deposits*

*Revenue Report (B)* *\$ 7,997.61*  
*\$ 12,861.45*

*Deduct Cheques issued (A)* *\$ 9,413.87*

*Balance per our books Dec 31 2016* *\$ 3,447.58*

*Add: Outstanding cheques*

*MacLeod \$ 668.00*

*National \$ 227.50*

*Total Outstanding* *\$ 895.50*

*\$ 4,343.08*

*Less: OS Deposit*

*\$ 157.00*

*Bank balance per our books*

*\$ 4,186.08*

*Balance per bank statement*

*\$ 4,181.92*

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Statement of Account		Account Type	Statement From - To
Branch No.	Account No.	CHEQUING SAVINGS ACCOUNT	DEC 30/16 - JAN 31/17
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Account/Transaction Type	Fees	Rebate Level	Waived Fees	Paid Fees
CSA-NP TRANSACTIONS	2X .60= \$1.20	\$1000.00	\$1.20	\$0.00
			<b>FEEES PAID :</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

ACCOUNT ISSUED BY: THE TORONTO-DOMINION BANK  
FOR YOUR PROTECTION, AVOID CHOOSING A PIN THAT COULD BE EASILY GUESSED. MEMORIZE YOUR PIN.  
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Your account can do more. Visit [www.tdcanadatrust.com/accountservices](http://www.tdcanadatrust.com/accountservices) or call EasyLine at 1-866-222-3456 to find out how. Or ask your branch for details.

Please ensure that you report in writing any errors or irregularities found within this statement within 30 days of the statement date. If you do not, the statement of account shall be conclusively deemed correct except for any amount credited to the account in error.



Transport Action Atlantic  
Income Statement December 31 2016

Income

Dues		\$2,047.86
Donations ( Total)	\$4,247.55	
Less Offset ( All Travel)		
Bartlett \$365.00		
Perry \$529.00		
Dunlop \$ 986.00		
Bartlett \$ 800.00	\$2,680.00	
	Net Donations	\$1,567.55
	Total Income	\$3,615.41

Expenses

Bulletin	\$1,257.29	
Promotions	\$1,046.61	
Insurance	\$ 493.00	
Misc.	\$ 331.56	
Postage	\$ 334.16	
Supplies	\$ 158.62	
Travel \$4,120.13		
Less Offset \$2,680.00	\$1,440.13	
	Total Expenses	\$5,061.37

Net Income (Loss)      (\$1,445.96)

Donald R MacLeod

*Transport Action Atlantic**Expense Summary By Type 31 December 2016**Dated*

Monday, 08 May, 2017

<i>Transaction</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Cheque #</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Expenses</i>
<b>Bank Charges</b>				
T2A-100			MacLeod, Donald	\$1.00
Total for this Expense:				\$1.00
<b>Bulletin Expense</b>				
T2A-79	16-Aug-16	CK-*440	MacLeod, Donald	\$651.64
T2A-129	28-Dec-28	CK-*447	MacLeod, Donald	\$605.65
Total for this Expense:				\$1,257.29
<del>Discount Support</del> <b>PROMOTIONS</b>				
T2A-52	12-May-16	CK-*434	Bartlett, Ted	\$881.40
T2A-80	16-Aug-16	CK-*439	Bartlett, Ted	\$165.21
Total for this Expense:				\$1,046.61
<b>Donations National</b>				
T2A-101			MacLeod, Donald	\$1.00
Total for this Expense:				\$1.00
<b>Insurance</b>				
T2A-24	14-Mar-16	CK-*426	MacLeod, Donald	\$125.00 ✓
T2A-29	24-Mar-16	CK-*427	MacLeod, Donald	\$368.00 ✓
Total for this Expense:				\$493.00
<b>Misc Expense</b>				
T2A-133	08-Jan-16	CK-*438	MacLeod, Donald	\$0.01
T2A-36	11-Apr-16	CK-*429	Easton, Howard	\$49.33 <i>TIM 15</i>

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Transaction	Date	Cheque #	Name	Expenses
T2A-38	11-Apr-16	CK-*428	MacLeod, Donald	\$66.00 <i>Liberty</i>
T2A-54	12-May-16	CK-*434	Bartlett, Ted	\$57.28
T2A-50	12-May-16	CK-*435	MacLeod, Donald	\$31.15 <i>RSS</i>
T2A-60	18-May-16	CK-*436	MacLeod, Donald	\$12.94 <i>BUS EXPENSE</i>
T2A-135	12-Nov-16	CK-*441	MacLeod, Donald	\$114.85 <i>MEALS FALL BOARD MEET</i>
Total for this Expense:				\$331.56

## Postage

T2A-13	01-Mar-16	CK-*424	MacLeod, Donald	\$40.25
T2A-44	11-Apr-16	CK-*431	MacLeod, Donald	\$248.40 <i>Box for</i>
T2A-62	18-May-16	CK-*436	MacLeod, Donald	\$33.68
T2A-82	16-Aug-16	CK-*439	Bartlett, Ted	\$3.33
T2A-130	28-Dec-28	CK-*447	MacLeod, Donald	\$8.50
Total for this Expense:				\$334.16

## Supplies

T2A-53	12-May-16	CK-*434	Bartlett, Ted	\$29.73
T2A-76	06-Aug-16	CK-*437	Hayman, Tim	\$25.20
T2A-81	16-Aug-16	CK-*439	Bartlett, Ted	\$49.44
T2A-131	28-Dec-28	CK-*447	MacLeod, Donald	\$54.25
Total for this Expense:				\$158.62

## Travel

T2A-14	01-Mar-16	CK-*424	MacLeod, Donald	\$125.36
T2A-15	05-Mar-16	CK-*425	Bartlett, Ted	\$526.12
T2A-39	11-Apr-16	CK-*430	Transport Action C	\$400.00
T2A-51	12-May-16	CK-*433	Garnet, Marcus	\$21.00
T2A-61	18-May-16	CK-*436	MacLeod, Donald	\$270.39
T2A-83	16-Aug-16	CK-*439	Bartlett, Ted	\$287.50
T2A-134	21-Nov-16	CK-*442	Perry, Michael J	\$529.85

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<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque #</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
<b>T2A-114</b>	<b>06-Dec-16</b>	<b>CK-444</b>	<b>Bartlett, Ted</b>	<b>\$782.09</b>
<b>T2A-117</b>	<b>19-Dec-16</b>	<b>CK-445</b>	<b>Bartlett, Ted</b>	<b>\$191.82</b>
<b>T2A-119</b>	<b>19-Dec-16</b>	<b>CK-446</b>	<b>Dunlop, Iain</b>	<b>\$986.00</b>
<b>Total for this Expense:</b>				<b>\$4,120.13</b>
<b>Total Expenses as Per Expense Summary</b>				<b>\$7,743.37</b>

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Transport Action Atlantic

Balance Sheet December 31st 2016

Assets

Accounts Rec. Nil

Cash In Bank \$4,186.08

Total Assets \$4,186.08

Liabilities and Equity

Accounts Payable Nil

Equity \$4,186.08

Total Liabilities and Equity \$4,186.08

Donald R MacLeod

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### **Appendix III – Auditor’s Report**

*“I, Allan MacDonald, acting as auditor for Transport Action Atlantic, have examined the financial statements and records for Transport Action Atlantic for the year ending December 31, 2016. The financial statements present fairly the financial position and results of operations for Transport Action Atlantic and are presented on a basis comparable with the preceding year.”*

*Allan MacDonald*