



## TRANSPORT ACTION ATLANTIC

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** **Saturday, 22 April 2023, 1300 hours ADT (1330 NDT)** **Via ZOOM (Chaired from Halifax)**

#### **MINUTES**

1. **Call to order:** Tim Hayman welcomed members, visitors and panel members.

2. **Present:** Tim Hayman  
Ted Bartlett  
Marcus Garnet,  
Christine Mills-Garnet,  
Allan Mac Donald  
Mary MacPherson  
David Brake  
Jim Roche  
Elizabeth ???  
John Cormier

**Regrets** Ashley Morton  
Justin Tinker  
Yves Bourgeois

3. Motion to Adopt Agenda: moved Tim Hayman, second: Christine Mills- Garnet: agenda adopted.

4. Minutes of previous AGM (May 28, 2022) – as circulated. Moved acceptance: John Cormier, second: Ted Bartlett. Minutes adopted.

5. Business arising from minutes: No new business

6. President's report (separately attached) – Tim Hayman.

Tim acknowledged Ted Bartlett's past role as President of TAA and thanked him for his time in that position.

While this past year has been a challenging one for our organization we have continued our advocacy work, maintained a social media presence, responded to media requests as well as meeting with politicians and other industry representatives. We participated in a Commons Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. We also made a submission on the Federal budget. We have and will continue to make representation to all levels of Government on Transportation issues in our region.

7. Vice-President's report – Marcus Garnet. Over this past year Marcus has been active in updating our Facebook site on transportation related issues in our region. In his full time role as a Planner with HRM he is involved in with the Regional Plan Review and continue to stress the importance that the Plan recognize the need for inter-regional transportation is optimistic that the Government of Nova Scotia is moving in the right direction with respect to transportation, and is looking forward to related industry announcement in the very near future.

8. Treasurer's report – Tim Hayman reported that with the departure of our Treasurer, Tom Beckett we are faced with not having a prepared financial report for today's meeting provided a general update on finances and advised that Allan McDonald had agreed to review our finances in detail and will be submitting a formal report to the Board shortly. Motion to accept interim report: Tim Hayman, Seconded: John Cormier. Motion carried.

9. Membership Report – Christine Mills-Garnet: Christine advised that we have 56 members in good standing, expecting 26 to renew and we have secured 5 new members in the past year. Motion to accept report : Tim Hayman. Seconded: John Cormier. Motioned carried.

10. Nominating committee report/election of directors – Tim Hayman proposed a motion to vote on the election of Directors as a slate. Seconded by John Cormier. Motioned carried.

The following members have agreed to stand for election to the board.

Jim Roche  
Tim Hayman  
Mary Macpherson  
Marcus Garnet  
Christine Mills-Garnet  
Ted Bartlett  
David Brake  
John Cormier  
Allan McDonald  
Ashley Morton  
Justin Tinker

Tim Hayman proposed a motion to select the list of names as presented for the election to Board of Directors for Transportation Atlantic for 2023 / 2024.

Seconded: Ted Bartlett. Motioned carried.

11. New business: - Tim Hayman advised that at our annual board meeting earlier today a suggestion was made that we could look at holding more informal events (in person or virtually) throughout the year. These events may involve informal gatherings in various locations where we would invite speaker from the various transportation sectors / interest groups to provide briefings / update on their activities in our region. The first of these events will probably be held in PEI this coming summer. We are in the early stages of planning and details will be provided to members in due course.

We are also looking at webinar / seminar type events whereby members could learn about things that are happening in their areas related to transportation initiatives.

Tim update the group on the Transportation Bulletin and online news letters. He encouraged members to submit any information / articles they may have for inclusion in these publications.

Tim Hayman proposed a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded; Ted Bartlett. Motion carried.

The Board subsequently re-convened to elect officers for the 2023-24 year. The following were elected:

President: Tim Hayman

Vice-President: Marcus Garnet

Treasurer: Allan MacDonald

Membership Secretary: Christine Mills Garnet

Recording Secretary: Jim Roche

Director of Communications and Advocacy: David Brake

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

22 April 2023

It's hard to believe it's already been a full year since I stepped into the role as president of Transport Action Atlantic. When I took on this position, I recognized that I had rather enormous shoes to fill - past-president Ted Bartlett set an exemplary precedent for what the leadership of TAA can be, and so I'll begin this report, then, by once again acknowledging that enormous contribution that Ted made to TAA over his time as president. I'd also like to acknowledge his continued contributions since his retirement from the post, which have been invaluable in helping to keep the organization moving along. He continues to be an asset to the board in his now ex-officio capacity.

Over this last year I haven't been able to accomplish some of the goals I set out after the last AGM. Other commitments are always in conflict, and time seems to be in short supply – a perpetual struggle for all of us who take on volunteer tasks, while other life priorities continue to compete for that time. Additional complications with turnover on the board, which will be discussed further in today's agenda, added unseen difficulties in this first year of my term.

That is not to suggest at all, however, that TAA's advocacy has been inactive. We have continued to publish newsletters, maintain a social media presence, respond to media requests, and meet with politicians, bureaucrats, and representatives from other organizations. Following the travel meltdown at Christmas time, in which I found myself caught up on a stranded train, I ended up fielding a host of media interviews that culminated in an appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities. We also made a submission for this year's federal budget, which you can find on our website; though we didn't see action on those items, we continue to work to make our voice heard to the federal and various provincial governments.

There is always more we could do, and it is my hope that we can continue to expand on our advocacy work wherever the opportunities arise; but we should continue to recognize and acknowledge the hard work that our board continues to do, as well as acknowledge the ongoing support of our membership.

There remain many things to sort out moving forward to expand on our advocacy. Key to this will be a consideration of how we can better empower both our board members and our broader membership, to focus their energy on the issues that matter the most to them, whether by subject expertise or local interest. It seems to me that this is our best path towards success as an advocacy organization.

Our board met this morning ahead of this AGM, and I'm extremely encouraged by the excellent ideas that have been brought forward for interesting and engaging events and activities, which I hope will give our members more opportunities to engage with the organization, as well as seeing greater value in their membership.

There is much work to do, but I'm optimistic about the future of TAA, and excited to share more details about some of the things we have planned. I would like to thank all of our members for your continued support, and for your ongoing commitment to TAA's cause.

Transport Action Atlantic  
Membership Report  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

We have Fifty-Six Members on the Membership List in excellent standing.  
I feel certain Twenty-Six (26) members will be renewing that are behind.  
We have Five (5) new members.

Geographic distribution of memberships is as follows:

Nova Scotia - 35  
New Brunswick - 31  
Prince Edward Island - 2  
Newfoundland - 9  
Ontario – 3  
Quebec – 5  
United States - 5

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Mills Garnet



## TRANSPORT ACTION ATLANTIC

### Financial Update – AGM 2023

Current Balance (April 20, 2023):           \$8,296.19

#### Summary for the period from April 8, 2022 to April 20, 2023

(Per bank statements, TD Bank)

Starting Balance April 8, 2022	\$7,929.85
Total Income	\$3,193.49
Total Expenses	\$2,827.15
Net change	+\$366.34
Balance April 20, 2023	\$8,296.19

**Note:** In addition to this balance, TAA was provided with \$1600 of travel vouchers (16 x \$100 increments) from VIA Rail Canada, provided in lieu of a corporate membership fee. \$1000 of this is currently remaining, and must be used for travel before December 1, 2023. These vouchers can not be extended or renewed, as VIA is transitioning to a new system and eliminating paper vouchers.