

MEETING MINUTES

SHERATON TORONTO CENTRE WINDSOR EAST AND WEST ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Monty Hothi	Barry Marsh
Lyndel Lindsay	Paul Pugh
Trevor Alway	Gord McGrath
Richard Booth	Dan Borthwick
Jack Christie	Sean Murphy
David Cayer	Mike Armstrong
Nick Shearman	Chuck New
Howard Thomsen	Craig Hallikainen
Linda MacNeil	Jamie Vislet
Karen Beaman	Barry Martin
Daren Givoque	John Johnson
Jennifer Brown	Don Lajoie
Mario Santos	Kris Lourenco
Bill Murnighan	Cathy Jarvis
Jim Nuell	Jim Connelly
Debbie Montgomery	Mike Green
Frank Harshaw	Mel Boelsterli
Wayne butler	Russ Carr
Chris Hutuik	Janet Sinclair
John Burns	Rita Reid
Jamie Ross	Leslie Dias
Tim Chung	Ashok Venicatarancam
Jeff Hatt	William Hicks
John Cote	Andre Desjardins
Robin Dudley	Nick DeCarlo
Bob Chernecki	Ken Lewenza
Peggy Nash	



Meeting Called to Order 5:05 PM EST

Bob Chernecki presented. Great to see such a large turnout. Transportation statement is antiquated (1992). There is a Transportation Conference scheduled for September 23 to 25, 2011 in Port Elgin Ontario. Nick DeCarlo and Bill Murnigan have started to work on the conference. There are 3 things that we need to do:

1. Establish who will attend and participate
2. Develop the Policy. We will do this in the same way we do the convention papers. Research people will compile and make the document. The final document is the document that will be approved at the conference. We will enlist in discussion from all in attendance today.
3. Structure a Planning Committee for the conference. Usually local presidents, NEB members, Representatives from each sector, etc. We don't need a thousand people in the planning committee. The CAW National will decide the participants. We may have to pare down this list of participants on this. We need to ensure participation from manufacturing, auto, trucking, bus, air, etc. All need to have a say in this document. This will be a daunting task.

The research group will put the document in front of the conference. There usually are no problems. Bob complimented RTC President Bill Gaucher and the RT Council on the work they have done so far.



We must cover the entire union in this paper. Planning meetings will most likely be via conference calls and email exchanges. We will publicize the participants on the committee.

The Planning Committee is to do the following:

1. Take a run at the draft document to be presented at the conference.
2. Plan the conference, including guest speakers, and presentations etc.

This conference and the Transportation Statement that will come from it is a very important step forward to update and include/recognize all sectors as interrelated and dependent on one another.

Nick De Carlo Presented. Nick gave some background. The RTC and the Marine council were



originally discussing strategies for growth and the future. We realized that we needed to seek out and include all sectors of the union to have an accurate all encompassing strategy. Nick was amazed at the turnout at today's meeting. Nick thanked Carl Mercer

from the Marine Council for providing the food at the meeting.

Ken Lewenza stepped into the meeting.

Nick presented the "Draft Document" that was used in the August Montreal Council RTC meeting. Page 2 of the doc. "B" Key Principles. Nick provided an overview of the document. Most of the document came from the 1992 CAW Transportation Statement. These are the principles that we want to keep alive. How we do this is page 1, which Nick read aloud. Nick opened the floor to questions. Due to there being so many participants, Bob Chernecki decided that it would be better to email the participants the Draft Document and get them to provide their specific Sector input back to Bob Chernecki and he will distribute as needed. Bob Chernecki's contact information is:

bob.chernecki@caw.ca
1-800-268-5763 ext 6556.
Fax 416-495-6552.

The Draft Document will be placed onto the RTC website as well. In 2 to 3 weeks we will provide everyone with a fresh document. In 2 to 3 weeks we will establish the Planning Committee.

Bill Murnighan commented. Common issues really bond us all. This will be a positive step for us all to build a vision that incorporates all sectors, bargaining, and support for each other's sectors respectively.

Ken Lewenza commented. The room is so diverse. Spoke of past sector specific CAW campaigns and fights the CAW has taken on. Recognized the DHL workers in their global struggle for respect. Recognized the Trucking Protest convoy in BC. This protest attained very good media and activism from our union. This is how we build our union by supporting these successes and all sectors regardless of where you are from. This conference is a great



opportunity. The new mayor of Toronto was forced to buy trains manufactured by CAW companies and promoted mass transit and congestion issues in Toronto through CAW activism and lobbying efforts. The Transportation group is a dominant sector in our Union.

It is diverse and large. We can make a lot happen if we remain focused and positive and don't conflict with each other. Ken thanked the members present. He stated that he what a privilege it was to represent the members of the CAW. Ken reminded us of what would happen if we as activists didn't step up to make a difference? If we did not, then who would step up for us and fight for us. This message was not lost on the members in attendance.

Peggy Nash commented. She is from the airline and transportation sector.



She was impressed with the large turnout at this meeting. Transportation is the largest sector in the Union. The challenge we will face is how to look to the future and to imagine what it is that we need? We have the right to chart our own future in Canada. Our future depends on this. We know our own sectors best so we should have our individual say in our future. How will people/Canadians benefit from our vision? What changes will we push for? This is the body of members at this meeting that will create this change.

If you did not get a copy of the “Draft Document” so that you could review it and submit your input to Bob Chernecki you will be emailed a copy shortly.

Participating actively and often from here on in to create document and conference that will produce a transport statement with vision from all sectors is paramount. The more voices contributing, the better the content and scope of the document. One person cannot create the change we are looking for and full participation was asked of all members to lighten the work load of the RT Council and the Joint Transport Councils.

Meeting was adjourned: 6:25 PM EST.

Recorded by: Trevor Alway



***THANKS TO
EVERYONE WHO
TOOK THE TIME
TO ATTEND THIS
MEETING AND
FOR
COMMITTING TO
HELPING MAKE
THE RTC JOINT
SECTOR
CONFERENCE A
SUCCESS IN
SEPTEMBER 2011***