

HUB Richmond/YVR Committee: *Meeting Agenda*

Date/Time: Thursday, March 14 • 7:00-8:30PM

Place: Richmond Caring Place Society **7000 Minoru Blvd, RM 320**, Richmond, BC V6Y 3Z5

Google Meet Info

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Present: Anna Chow, Donna Kwan (online), Jesse Li; Yvonne, Sheryl, Amy, Devyn, Vincent

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Check-in- name, pronouns; Call to order for agenda, new items welcome.

3. Items for Discussion

- Lansdowne Master Plan update (Jesse)
 - (Jesse) Phase 1 public hearing soon. Zoe asked us to say good words. Jesse is attending virtually, wrote notes on presentation. Planning on mentioning:
 - MUP along north side of site (south side of Alderbridge Way), No 3 Rd to Kwantlen. Right now, no sidewalk there. RATC - Nathan says plans are underway to widen walkway east of Kwantlen
 - Linear park planned will also have separated bike infrastructure
 - East/West mews - closed to general vehicle traffic
 - Bike parking spaces; e-bike parking, bike parking (both public and secured for residents)

If interested, people can come out and also present to City Council.

Vincent: Are there any more plans for bike parking at Kwantlen and Lansdowne Station? People going to Kwantlen. Jesse - not sure if part of this Lansdowne Plan?

Last year, Zoe contacted us about Bike to Shop week - not enough then. Good idea, will approach them about it.

Sheryl - Minoru Centre for Active Living - so many cars there, parking full. Devyn - lots of bike parking there. And new developments need to have biking infrastructure.

Vincent - what about grants? City can provide grants for bike parking.

Anna - Q. Will Lansdowne MUP be combined or separated? Jesse - 3 m wide combined.

Devyn - Railway is 4 m wide, 3 m is probably wide enough.

Vincent - Q. Has there been passed around Richmond's transportation demand bylaws?...around Skytrain, can build 12 stories, and minimizing parking req'ts. Lot of residents going into condos may not demand cycling. In Vancouver, for rezoning, have to provide alternatives for transportation demand. Devyn - there are by-laws around parking in city centre but not sure about residential areas. Sheryl - in coming years, there will be a lot of zoning changes, with increased density.

Vincent - concerned will not have bicycle parking for people who want to cycle. Jesse - HUB office would know about this. **Action** : Find out if minimum bike parking will be removed as related to the province's regulation around decreasing new parking around transit-oriented buildings. Devyn - also good to require min bike parking

Vincent - Vancouver awards points for development - for car-share, or increased bike parking (so then can reduce vehicle parking)

Devyn - every developer wants to reduce the number of parking spaces, it's expensive to build

Vincent - make sure cyclists aren't caught in cross-fire

- Village Bikes (Jesse)

- Jesse - meeting with them next week. Steveston Merchant's Ass'n
- Items to bring up - clearer signs to Steveston Village; and other non-controversial ideas, no parking removal needed.
- **Action:** Yvonne to call again to connect to the rep at the Steveston's Merchant's Ass'n

- Update on RATC (Jesse/Sheryl)

- Jesse - Richmond is considering small project to widen Alderbridge Way from Kwantlen to Garden City south side sidewalk to 2.5m to complete gap (Lansdowne redevelopment will have MUP from No. 3 Rd to Kwantlen). Space constraints mean that 2.5m is maximum space available. Less than the provincial 2.7m absolute minimum standard for MUP. Space constraints from the road and old-growth trees.
- Devyn - even with trees constricting it, you can pull up behind the trees.
- Jesse - **Action** - after Lansdowne redevelopment public hearing, will reach out to the Richmond Disability Ass'n to get their buy-in
- Sheryl - people living in the vicinity
- Devyn - increase in raised bike paths, MUP's - in other cities in Canada and in the UK. People with vision problems have trouble finding the bike path.

Something we need to be aware of when advocating. They don't do anything with tactile strips.

- Jesse - Nathan asked if concrete or asphalt would be preferred
- Vincent - can tell if road is rough if thin tires - what's important is that the road is smooth, esp for bikes without suspension.
- Sheryl - concrete is harder to repair, cracks with tree roots, and is more expensive. Also can recycle asphalt.
- City of Richmond is planning on updating cycling map, with new infrastructure - eg. Steveston MUP, and more intuitive legend for comfort levels (more in-line with e.g. Translink & Vancouver maps; e.g. in the Vancouver map, in decreasing-order of comfort, routes are marked with emphasized green (green with yellow in the middle), solid green, dashed green, dashed grey).
- Vincent: any thoughts about physical signage - major greenways or Granville - such as when go by a park, know you can bike there.
- Devyn - they did a way-finding survey last year, and think they probably will include that. **Action** (suggestion from Jesse) - can dig up survey contacts and provide to Vincent.
- Continue and expand the bike-share pilot (with escooters) - to south Richmond. Nathan was looking for input for bike carrals - community centres, shopping centres, restaurants **Action:** bike carrall - ideas for places - contact Nathan or Jesse
- Island Bike Tour - can register, don't have to if RATC member. Although - HUB members are considered RATC guests, and thus do need to register
- Steveston streetscapes - will come up at next April RATC mtg
- No 2 MUP construction starting this year.
- Bike counters - still getting final cost estimates. One constraint to have counter between road and path, so it doesn't face road **Action:** if ideas on good places to put bike counters, let Nathan know. One idea is Canada Line bridge
- **Action:** Ideas - for secure visitor bike parking for Richmond facilities - send to Nathan. Yvonne - would like to see covered bike parking, esp with the rain. Jesse - for the South Arm community centre he approached, the rejected the idea of moving bike parking under the roof
- Vincent - high traffic areas make it feel safer to park bikes. **Action:** send idea to Nathan
- Public Works open house in May

- Richmond bike lockers (Amy)
 - Amy - not so great news on the bike lockers at Brighthouse. Evan Hammer at HUB met with Translink. Short story - Translink is working on this. Aware of the problems, vandalism with bike lockers. Brighthouse has the most issues across the whole biking system. You'd think that the lockers are visible. Sheryl - it's a high crime area. Devyn - it's not that bad but between 3am-6am, gets weird out there. Vincent - 5 years ago spoke with communications at Translink - they will never put lockers near Stadium. Their research - not cost-effective to do indoor bike locker rooms again. If have federal \$, they may, but won't fund it themselves.
 - Devyn - others have bike rooms. Not that many with bike lockers outside.
 - Vincent - Utrecht, Netherlands - huge parkade for 6000 bikes, make sense, but not a room for 40-50 cycles (insufficient economies of scale)
 - Amy - from Translink - considering changing the handles of the lockers and regular cleaning. Also looking into different types of lockers. Hard-wiring lockers, currently solar-powered so sometimes lockers are down due to lack of power. App shows them as sometimes down. Lockers are still in pilot phase. Amy - asked when pilot will end. Used them and question their safety. Evan will reach out to Translink for more feedback.
 - Sheryl - any incorporation with the new development of Richmond Centre? Devyn - first phase is almost done, should be able to find out. Action - research?

- Bike parking contest (Vincent)
 - Vincent - budgeted \$55K but spent \$30K - City of Vancouver - took a full-time coordinator, 4 days a week and 1 day from staff. Budgeted close to \$150K. Significant. Contrast cost of installing one bike parking ring (\$100 materials, but installation adds 50% to 200% more). Having contest would effectively double the "bike parking" annual budget.
 - If we did do this, Vancouver recommended working with Richmond's fabrication division. How will these prototypes be built? Will they stand the test of time? City of Van - Fabrication rejected their ideas. Paul Krueger - recommended we speak to them about the long-term effect of the contest. Keep the contest very open. Vancouver's winner was a grade 10 student in metal fabrication class. Anyone who can draw with crayons can submit. Vincent's thoughts - not great on outreach side, but good for art students.
 - Possible alternative method is approaching it from public art side. Suggest that public art funding be used to beautify bike parking. Say instead of developments

funding just for public art, make it more functional, so that artists can design bike parking structures, more funding that way. North or West Van did a scaled-down version. (Jesse - reasonable approach). Devyn - New West - structures in shapes of bikes. (Jeff had suggested Taiwan has some examples.)

Podcast - BC Cycling Coalition - mayor of New West - every 400 m, there's a cycling pathway - goal. Takeaway - do it all at once. People will complain if you do 300 m or 3km.

- Updating the regional cycling map
 - Refer to Cathy's email to LC chairs; need one more rep from a committee with knowledge of community area; fill out the [interest form](#) - **Action:** Devyn will do that
- Update on Great Blue Heron Way (Sheryl)
- Update on council meetings (Sheryl)
 - Feb 21st Public Works & Transportation Meeting - how did that go?
- No-right-turn-on-red campaign - [notes](#) from online meeting (Anna)
 - Vote in Richmond - a yes, lots to do. Sheryl - mayor may support it. Amy - scrambled crosswalks
 - **Action:** Sheryl, Yvonne, Devyn to identify which councilors would be in support of this initiative.
 - **Action:** Jesse, Anna to research other organizations (e.g. seniors group, parents groups) who would similarly support this initiative and reach out to them
- Presentation of HUB Award to Richmond City Council at March 25th Council meeting (see Cathy's email to chairs - good opp to connect with City Council!)
- Consider alternating between online and in-person meetings, to improve ease of engagement

5. Action Items

- **Anna** - send follow-up email with minutes
- **Jesse** - create agenda for next meeting
- **Jesse** - Contact HUB main office (via Cathy) and find out if minimum bike parking will be removed as related to the province's regulation around decreasing new parking around transit-oriented buildings.
- **Yvonne** - call again to connect Jesse to the rep at the Steveston's Merchant's Ass'n
- **Jesse** - reach out to the Richmond Disability Assn to get their buy-in for the Alderbridge MUP as part of the Landsdowne redevelopment plan.

- **Jesse** - dig up wayfinding initiative contacts and send to Vincent. Vincent optionally can follow up on engagement results and having bike routes included in maps.
- **Everyone** - input for bikeshare corral locations, e.g. community centres, shopping centres, and restaurants; send ideas to Nathan or Jesse (who will forward them to Nathan)
- **Everyone** - if ideas on good places to put bike counters such as Canada Line bridge, send to Nathan.
- **Everyone** - Ideas to secure visitor bike parking for Richmond facilities - send to Nathan.
- **Vincent** - high traffic areas make it feel safer to park bikes. send idea to Nathan
- **Anyone?** - research incorporation of bike parking with the new development of Richmond Centre?
- **Vincent** - research if Richmond has transportation demand management in its rezoning laws.
- **Devyn** - volunteer with main HUB to review changes to updated regional cycling map.
- **Devyn, Anna, Sheryl** - Devyn will present HUB Bike Education award with Rose (from HUB) to the City of Richmond on March 25th, 7pm. Anna and Sheryl to go and help connect with councillors.
- **Sheryl, Yvonne, Devyn** - identify which councilors would be in support of [no-right-turn on red](#)
- **Jesse, Anna** - research and reach out to other organizations in Richmond who would support [no-right-turn on red](#).

6. Next meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024, 7:00-8:30PM online. If you have items for the agenda, please email richmond@bikehub.ca