

**Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2023 - 5:45 pm - Maple Ridge Public Library**

Attendees: Ivan Chow, Jackie Chow, Jenny Wright, Michael Nelson, Ashley van der Pouw Kraan, Asher Steed, Sigrun Gilmour

Minutes of previous meeting - approved with the change in 4.1 from “them-they” to “Pitt Meadows ATAC”.

Agenda for this meeting - approved

4. Old Business

4.1 ATAC PM - Peter was not able to attend but sent the following information:

The only thing to report for the PM ATAC is that the Golden Ears Business Park MUP to Parkside trail connector is almost complete and is looking good.

We'll probably wait until late September some time for the ride with PM councillors. (Once more of the new Airport Way cycling infrastructure is complete).

Jenny added that the Pitt Meadows ATAC are very involved in the ATP and Council values ATAC's input.

Jackie noted that Pitt Meadows' Active Transportation Plan endorses downgrading major collector roads to minor collector roads allowing for traffic calming. Council is also in favour of continuous sidewalks meaning the cars have to cross over the raised crossing and give way to pedestrians.

4.2 TAC MR - Ashley reported that the electric vehicle and cycling portion of the meeting was cancelled at the last meeting.

Ashley is going to ask the committee if they are interested in going on a ride with us. It was suggested that we could go on a short ride and a “meet and greet” with refreshments at a park.

4.3 Ride with Pitt Meadows Councillors, meeting with Maple Ridge councillor Carreras and possibly Tan and Schiller -

As noted above Peter suggested that we wait until the end of September when Airport Way Infrastructure is complete to ride with Pitt Meadows Councillors. So far Alison Evans was the only Councillor that responded that she would like to go for a ride with us. Jenny will ask Peter to touch base with her so she knows we have not forgotten about her.

Jackie and Jenny met with Councillor Dozie who was positive and sincere - he was open to talking about issues and learning.

Jenny and Jeff went on a ride with Councillor Yousef who is positive about cycling infrastructure. They showed him the dangerous intersections on Abernethy and the need for improved cycling infrastructure on Laity and 216.

Councillor Carreras has not come on a ride with us yet and Jenny will reconnect with her.

Jackie would like to arrange a meeting with Councillors Tan and Schiller to discuss the STP and off-street parking. Depending on when the meeting is either Sigrun or Jenny will join her.

Asher indicated that he would be interested in monitoring Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge Council Meetings to get an idea how each of the councillors are voting on cycling infrastructure.

4.4 GETI Fest September 16 - Michael confirmed that we have our own table and chairs to bring to the event.

Michael will talk to Dave about having a bike repair station set up.

Peter and Ivan indicated that they should be able to help out as would Ashley and possibly Asher.

Asher suggested that this could be a good place to do a survey on where people like to ride ie. to go shopping, run errands, recreational etc. Jenny will forward questions that we have used in the past. Asher suggested that we could try out several questions and if they don't get much response we could erase them and add different questions.

Jenny suggested that we have a large map on a board showing specific east-west bike routes such as 121/123 bikeway and Selkirk/117 route, and how people can get from A-B cycling between Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows. Jenny will ask Mark at City Hall if he can get us something like that.

4.5 Pedal Poll 2023 - Jackie counted on Kanaka Way on Sun. June 11, 2:00 - 4:00 pm:

25 bikes (~1.5%)
53 pedestrians (~3%)
1,566 personal vehicles (~94%)
26 oversized vehicles (~1.5%)

Jenny suggested doing a survey in one area everyday for 2 weeks;

Jackie suggested surveying residents on 117 Ave. on their opinion of the new MUP and also asking cyclists;

This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Draft STP - final feedback - Presented to Council in July and expected to be endorsed in September. Jackie would like to give final feedback before that. Jackie will send us the link to review and get back to her with our comments within 2 weeks. Jackie will ask Jonathan what should be in the STP and if he doesn't have any information on that we could review how Vancouver and North Vancouver etc. give feedback on their STP.

5.2 Off-street Parking and Loading Bylaw - HUB MRPM feedback - Presented to Council in July - proposed 1 (long-term) bicycle parking spot per unit for multi-family buildings. Staff suggested to Council to consider raising that in the downtown core and along the Lougheed corridor. Jackie will send us the link for our comments.

6.0 Roundtable

Jackie mentioned HUB's 25th Anniversary Birthday Celebration on Sept 9. Sigrun will send an email to the Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB Cycling Group to see if anyone wants to cycle all the way there or part way.

HUB's AGM is September 21 via zoom. Jackie will send an email reminder for this.

Ivan received constructive feedback on his article on the 117 street MUP.

Michael prepared a video for the AGM on what Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB has been up to this year.

Asher was unsure of some of the cycling infrastructure on Airport Way - he was advised to check with Peter or Erin.