

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 18:30-20:00 Creekside Community Centre

Attendees: Anthony (Chair), Leslie (minutes), Lisa, Stan, Phillipe, Kay, Mike, Navdeep, Clark, Eleni, Brad, Paul, Enzo, Mike, Eric, Ron.

- 1. Introductions and welcome to new members.
- 2. Agenda: No additions.
- 3. Minutes from July 2018 meeting: Approved.

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting				
1	Everyone	 Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311 or the VanConnect app to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. Ongoing 		
2	Jeff	 Schedule and lead Pender Corridor assessment ride. Completed and ride report drafted. 		

- 4. **Announcements** (see <u>bikehub.ca</u> updated regularly)
 - HUB Cycling turns 20 this year, and as part of the celebrations HUB presents "Spoke Up! Let's Talk Bikes" on Thursday, September 27th @ York Theatre. bikehub.ca/spokeup
 - Civic Election is October 20th.
 - HUB Cycling will be reaching out to all the candidates in upcoming Metro Vancouver elections with a
 survey and needs volunteers who can help tabulate and format the results from this survey so that they
 can be published online at BikeHub.ca Please contact Navdeep (navdeep@bikehub.ca / 604.376.7941)
 if you are able to help.

5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

- Contact Jeff (Vancouver@bikehub.ca) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION			
Updates from Working Groups					
Assessment Rides (Anthony for Jeff)	 Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). Reports are generated and posted on our wiki. Pender Corridor ride held in July, and report drafted. Some discussion ensued around HUB's letter to Vancouver City Council (https://bikehub.ca/vancouver-ubc) about suggested cycling infrastructure on commercial streets, and should these be reviewed? Specifically, it was noted 				

	that Cambie St, north of King Edward, is not slated for upgrades, yet this is a key shopping district. Is anyone interested in taking on a review? Perhaps we begin with Broadway as an example? Commercial Drive negotiations are ongoing.
Seaside South (Lisa)	 Scope is the Seawall from Olympic Village through to the improved Seaside Greenway along Pt Grey Rd. Currently focusing on the section from Burrard Bridge, around Vanier Park, through Haddon Park, Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar. The Kits Beach area is under the purview of the Park Board, who have not been supportive of improving cycling in that area. Reviewed video on the gap in infrastructure at Kits Beach: https://vimeo.com/288965974 We need to elect candidates on the Park Board this next election in order to move forward with improvements.
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	 Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville St. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services. SW Marine Drive crossing completed! 33rd Ave now has lights installed Foundations have been installed for solar lighting between 33rd and 37th Ave.
Broadway Subway (Anthony)	No report this month.

6. City Consultations (Anthony)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback.
- Because of the upcoming election, most consultations are on hold.

7. In Depth – Arbutus Corridor – Connections North and South (Facilitated by Stan)

- Compromise agreement in 2016 City has two to three years to develop the Greenway, and those areas that are not developed revert back to CP for a nominal fee of \$1. The area north of Fir St, known as the Option Lands, was approved by City Council to go back to CP on September 5th.
- Area around these Option Lands can't be easily developed. There have been some suggestions for tunneling under this area, or have properties provide 'right of way', but no financially viable options. Thus, the City decided to sell back to CP.
- The City has agreed to put a AAA bike lane on Pine St from W 6th Ave linking to the Seaside Greenway. Some discussion on how that should extend south to the Off-Broadway Bike Route (7th), the 10th Ave Bike Route, or further.
- There is also a planned pedestrian route under the Fir St off ramp; realistically, this route will be used by some cyclists.
- Plans for connections at the north end connecting to Granville Island; possible access directly from the Granville Bridge via elevator. Seawall already in place. Pine St links directly to the Burrard Bridge. Noted that south end of Pine St connection should extend past Broadway!

- Plans for connections at the south end – connections from the south end still need a lot of discussion, negotiation and work. Potential links to Hudson St Park, Fraser River Park, Arthur Laing Bridge to Richmond, Kent Ave Bike route, Marine Drive Station and the Canada Line bridge are all valuable.

8. **Election Issues** (Lisa)

- As a registered charity, HUB is not able to endorse particular candidates.
- Traditionally, we ask candidates to answer four questions, and provide the information to our membership. Jeff has offered to review park board and council records, and voting patterns. However there are a limited number of incumbents.
- Navdeep has been working on four questions for all municipal candidates across Metro Vancouver, with a fifth question specific to each committee. We will publish responses/results to our members. Should we publish results of voting record review as background information?
- Looking for assistance in tabulating results: Clark, Eric and Paul volunteered.
- Questions being put to election candidates:

Question 1	Would you vote in favour of infrastructure investments that separate bicycles from motor vehicles along key transportation corridors and certain busy commercial streets?
Question 2	Would you vote in favour of infrastructure investments that #UnGapTheMap in the municipal and regional cycling network so it is well connected, allowing people to travel safely by bicycle?
Question 3	Do you think the budget for cycling infrastructure should increase, stay the same, or decrease and why?
Question 4	Do you support providing transportation cycling education to all Vancouver elementary schools so that people can learn to be safe and responsible road users early on?

VANCOUVER	Creating a complete street with a separated bike lane on Commercial Drive is in the Transportation 2040 Plan as well as the City of Vancouver's 5-year cycling network additions and upgrades plan for 2018 to 2022 . Will you follow through and implement this plan? And what would be your timeline for action to make it happen?
VANCOUVER PARK BOARD	Please review this HUB Cycling video of the Kits Beach area of the Seaside Greenway. Park Board staff proposed potential solutions to this dangerous part of the Greenway on March 12, 2018 with a recommended process for getting it improved. Park Board commissioners voted to return it to the drawing board yet again. Will you vote for a separated bike path to improve cycling and walking safety on the greenway? If so, what would be your timeline of action to make it happen?
VANCOUVER PARK BOARD	Park Board produced the 2012 Stanley Park Cycling Plan complete with an implementation plan and budget. This plan remains largely unimplemented. How do you propose to make Park Board accountable for implementing this plan? What would be your timeline of action to make it happen?
VANCOUVER PARK BOARD	The Park Board has discussed the idea of "to not through" parks for people on bikes. This is a frightening idea for people who love to enjoy parks on bicycles, especially with their children and elders, and would preclude biking on most parts of the Seaside Greenway. What do you think of this concept?

9. **Communications** (Stan)

- Arbutus Greenway – Light at King Edward: There have been several letters to the City asking for improvements at King Edward. Primary issue is inaccessibility of pedestrian/cyclist crossing button.

10. Board Update (Anthony)

- AGM held September 8th; well attended and good speakers. Jeff was re-elected to the board. Three new board members elected, and a new president: Derek Wenman. Working on making the board more representative of Metro Vancouver.

11. Active Transportation and Policy Council (Lisa)

- Citizen advisory council that advises City staff on active transportation issues. If you are interested, anyone is welcome to attend and be involved on sub committees. Minutes are posted online.
- ATPC has been dissolved in advance of the upcoming election.
- **12.** Regional Advisory Committee (Anthony) No updates this month.

13. Other Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 19:59

20:00-20:30—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc

Next meeting: October 18th 2018, at Creekside Community Centre.