

Surrey-White Rock Committee Meeting Minutes 2023-06-22

Attendance:

- Tim Yzerman
- Tomer Curie
- John Burgess

Call to Order: 738 PM

Adoption of minutes: carried

New members

• welcomed Tomer, lives in Surrey, works as Director of the skytrain expansions to Langley and Vancouver, Broadway. Tomer is NOT representing Translink at our meetings.

Presentation to Transportation Committee

- Tim's slide/talk show was well-received at ECCC.
- It included detail about recreational routes

Newton Car Free event

- The event was successful, the slow bike race organized by BSP was very popular.
- Tim won the prize !! \$500 e-bike voucher. But he will not use it. Looking for someone to give it to.
- John and Tim both know people who could do play-by-play announcements at a future event

Family bike ride

• Alaina and Bruce were not here today, will wait for their input to plan the next family bike ride.

Bike Ride with Rotary Club May 13 recap

• Tim and Rotary Club are writing a letter thanking council for the protected cycling infrastructure which was used on the bike ride.



Nicomekl River Park project Open House

- Project information can be found <u>here</u>
- Input being sought June 14 to July 12 <u>here</u>
- This greenway plan does not appear to include recreational cycling
- We did not go to the open house but did fill out the consultation survey. Noted there is no accommodation for bikes in the plan.
- There are miles of dykes which could be used for cycling but the private land owners don't allow it. The city is reluctant to do anything to change that.
- Tim's final thoughts: Acquire land on Surrey's dykes! Build paths along the Serpentine and Nicomekl rivers. Almost all of Pitt Meadows dykes are open for recreation (cycling and walking) and hardly any of Surrey's are. Will the sea dam be closed to vehicles? Maybe connect the existing path better? Is the cul de sac needed? It doesn't seem like it is. The recreational cycling needs to be across the park. The plan should include cycling across the sea dam and should connect to the King George Greenway multi use path that is at 40 Avenue. The park plans need to connect better with active transportation plans such as the Greenway Plan and the cycling plan. People like to combine recreational cycling with active transportation so please connect this park to active transportation corridors! Extend the pathways on Surrey's dykes to Langley!

Other Business

- John would like to see rumble strips put along the tram lines of painted bike lanes. A letter might be sent to the City to suggest this.
- Average age of people in Surrey is 39 years, which is younger than the general population

Meeting organization

- Tim will share meeting announcement emails and agendas with John for proof-reading in future
- Discussed and decided that future meetings will happen regularly on the 3rd Thursday. When Tim cannot attend, the meeting will go ahead as planned.

Next meeting

• No meeting in July



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• Next meeting Thursday August 17th at 7:30pm