

HUB - New Westminster
Minutes of Meeting in Discord
Wednesday January 17, 2024

The in-person meeting was canceled because the meeting space was closed due to snow.

Present: Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Damian Gryski (left at 7:09 pm), Heidi Hizsa, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong

Call to order: 6:08 PM

1. Meeting Openers

- a) Welcoming newcomers & introductions (no newcomers)
- b) Check-In - Skipped
- c) Review of Agenda - Completed

2. Advocacy

- a) 2024 Priorities – HUB-New Westminster's 2023 priority was awareness, understanding & support of the Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP). HUB-New Westminster's 2024 priorities will include support of the ATNP as 2024 is the first year of the plan's implementation.

Members were also encouraged to take on cycling projects that interest them. Fulton & Robert are assisting Gordon Hobbs with the collecting and repair of bicycles to give away as part of Community Bike Month. Jaqueline, Eden Rose, Damian and Travis are working with Ella, President of the New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) Environmental Club, on Bike to School activities (see https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_1eOEDdJ1iF-bIIObjkdGghtyV0OhZkKtMPnq4e6-Q4/edit).

- b) Letter of Support for Award for Agnes Greenway Project

Action: Damian will draft a letter supporting an award for the City of New Westminster and its Agnes Greenway.

- c) Committee Leadership Roles - HUB Central recommended elections for leadership roles on the Committee. Due to its small size, HUB-New Westminster has not used elections to fill specific roles. Members that want to take on a particular role can voice their interest to the group.

Cathy Acuna of HUB Central suggested that part of HUB-New Westminster's budget can be spent on a microphone for use in hybrid meetings.

- d) HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report – HUB-New Westminster will ask School Board members about their awareness of the report and their support of its recommendations.

Action: Heidi and Damian will pose cycling related questions to candidates in the February 3 School Board by-election and post their responses on social media.

Damian noted that the covered bike parking at Skwo:wech Elementary School is now open. He also pointed out that The Engine Inside, a bicycle film, is available for free viewing along with other films at <https://www.redbull.com/ca-en/discover>.

e) Youth Advocates - The item was covered earlier in the meeting in the work HUB-New Westminster is doing with the NWSS Environment Club.

f) Bike Sign Removal - The Mayor does not have an update regarding the removal of the bike signal at 7th Avenue at 8th Street.

Action: Damian will contact Engineering to ask whether cyclists are allowed to use the pedestrian path along the west side of 8th Street between Century House and 6th Avenue.

g) Construction & Flagging Issues

Action: Heidi and Shane will contact Engineering about the status of its guidelines addressing cycling access during road construction as many contractors appear to be ignoring the guidelines.

h) Speed Cameras & Right Turns on Reds - HUB Central is working on a campaign in support of speed cameras and no right turn at red lights. Municipalities receive the proceeds of traffic fines. Concerns were raised with motor vehicles making right turns on green when pedestrians are in the crosswalk.

Action: Heidi will get in touch with HUB Central about including protections for pedestrians from right turning vehicles in its campaign.

i) Ash Room Booking - HUB-New Westminster has booked the Ash Street Room in the main branch of the New Westminster Public Library on the third Wednesday of every month except July, August and December from 6 pm to 7:45 pm.

j) Sociable Tandem Bike - The item was deferred due to the absence of the proposer of the agenda item.

k) Stakeholder Meeting with TI Corp re Pattullo Bridge - Heidi attended the meeting and raised a number of construction issues including poor access to push buttons (such as at Columbia Street & McBride Boulevard) and construction debris on bike paths.

TI Corp's hotline for Pattullo Bridge construction issues is 1-844-814-6149 (or info@fcgp.ca).

l) All-Committee Meeting (January 8) - Robert summarized the online meeting where three speakers provided tips on advocating to municipalities. The meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XgVzntScYo>. He also recommended HUB's Local Committee Handbook (see <https://bikehub.ca/get-involved/local-committee-handbook>) as a resource.

A cycling project in Burnaby that Robert advocated for proceeded because Robert contacted a planner he knew that was in charge of cycling infrastructure in the city. Gavin is the new New Westminster staff person in charge of micro mobility.

3. Activities

a) Community Bike Month - On behalf of HUB-New Westminster, Fulton will apply for a ParticipACTION Community Challenge grant. The maximum size of the grant has been reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,500. Shelly Schnee, a cyclist and a City of New Westminster employee, is retiring. She was a strong advocate and organizer last year for the event.

b) Go by Bike Week & Bike to School Week - NWSS's Environmental Club is working on activities leading up to and during Bike to School Week.

Action: Fulton will look into organizing a Celebration Station, which needs to be on a Thursday due to his work schedule.

Adjourned: 7:59 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday February 21 at 6 pm