

**Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2023 - 5:45 pm - Maple Ridge Public Library**

1. Attendees: Jackie Chow, Ivan Chow, Jenny Wright, Ashley van der Pouw Kraan, Gerard Van Hilten, Michael Nelson, Linda Kingston, Sigrun Gilmour On-line: Luke Gillies
2. Minutes of previous meeting January 11, 2024 - approved.
3. Agenda approved with the following changes: 5.2 becomes 4.4; adding 4.5 MUP Discussion; 5.3 becomes 5.2; and 5.4 becomes 5.3

**4. Old Business**

4.1. **ATAC PM** - N/A

4.2. **TAC MR** - Ashley says it looks like a good young group; next meeting in the Spring

4.3. HUB Meeting with Maple Ridge Staff - Jenny, Jackie and Sigrun met with Mark Halpin and Jenny led the discussion with our two main objectives being:

- AAA facilities between 224th Avenue and Burnett Street; and
- AAA facilities on 113b Ave/203 Street between Golden Ears Way and Dewdney Trunk Road

Jenny pointed out that these objectives tie in with Council's "Strategic Priorities".

During our meeting with Mark Halpin he advised us on some of the projects the City has on track for the immediate future. Mark said that most projects are funded by grants and that we should encourage Council to increase their budget for Active Transportation. Mark also advised that February is too late to meet to discuss the budget but that we should meet in September/October.

Jenny said that one of the projects Mark mentioned for the immediate future is Thorne Avenue and we should keep an eye on it so we can have input during the design stage. Another project Mark mentioned was the widening of Abernethy and that the MUP will be moved. We said to Mark that the intersections on the MUP are dangerous and require bike signals. Mark asked Sigrun to send him an

email regarding our concern with the Abernethy/123 MUP and he will discuss it with engineering staff (which she did).

Luke said we should try to find out what % of dollars is spent for cycling infrastructure compared to other engineering projects. Point this percentage out to Councillors and they will see that it is very little. Jackie said that this can be difficult as many of the cycling projects are lumped in with road projects and it can make the amount spent on cycling projects inflated.

Gerard asked if we know how much is spent on cycling infrastructure and Jackie says its about \$200,000.00 for small projects only. There will be specific budget items for bigger capital projects, which are often matched with grants.

- 4.4. Meeting with Maple Ridge Councillors Schiller and Tan - the same as 4.3 with respect to discussing our Objectives. Luke said that it is good that we have 2 Council members who are enthusiastic about our cause.
- 4.5. MUP Discussions - Jackie not keen on following up with a letter to City Council to request using green paint on MUP intersections. She already asked staff more than once and was told each time that Maple Ridge doesn't use green paint on MUP crossings. Luke said that Vancouver and Burnaby are using green paint for MUPs. Sigrun will draft a letter to City Council re green paint on MUP intersections.

## **5. New Business**

- 5.1. Active School Transportation - Bike to School Week June 3-7, 2024. Jenny had a zoom meeting with Trish and Shannon, the Active School Transportation symposium is still on track for Spring. More activities should be planned for Bike to School Week. Possibly a bike draw. Jenny will see if she can get a kids bike donated from one of the bike shops.
- 5.2. Ungap the Map - List was updated in 2023 but not sent to municipalities. Lists were sent to both municipalities in 2022. Selkirk is not on the Gap list

but should be. It was decided that we should dedicate our next meeting to the GAP list and put the GAP map up on a screen so it's easier to see if routes that the committee feels should be listed as a gap, are missing.. Ashley will provide a projector.

### 5.3. Action Plan 2024

- Objective One - Come up with a plan and action for a bike friendly Maple Ridge downtown core and the key routes leading to it;
- Objective Two - Promote Active School Travel (same as last year);
- Objective Three -Increase Community Engagement and get feedback and data from citizens of Maple Ridge to suppose the need for improved cycling infrastructure (same as last year).

For Objective One, Ivan will send list of suggested actions to support and benefits to committee.

Jenny will complete and submit the form.

## 6. Roundtable

- 6.1. Jenny mentioned that there are a couple of Webinars coming up: February 21 - Cycle Highways; and February 27 - No Right Turn on Red.
- 6.2. Sigrun mentioned that she is getting quite a few bike donations.