

Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Nov 19th, 2019 18:30-20:00 Creekside Community Centre

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Navdeep (minutes), Anthony, Stuart, Chuck, Keith, Michael (new), James (new),

Tim, Stan, Tassillie, Lisa, Trefor (new), Michael, Bruce, Genevieve, Sam, Paul, Vincent, Elaine (new), Philip, Kay, Shaun, Mike, Richard, Benjamin, Lenny, Clark, Pablo (new), Lisa

(new), Eleni (31)

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.

2. Agenda: Approved

3. Minutes from October 2019 meeting: Approved

Key A	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, @CityOfVancouver on Twitter, 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	Bike path through the Plaza of Nations needs repainting. Jeff to follow up with CoV and report back. May be a challenge as it is private property. Pending			
3	Jeff	10th Ave Bikeway between Yew and Maple is incomplete. Done (weather delays)			
4	Jeff	New painted bike lane on west side of Blanca very narrow. Jeff to follow up with MoTI and CoV and report back Pending			

- 4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca updated regularly and our wiki at http://wiki.bikehub.ca)
 - Refer to bikehub.ca regularly for up to date news
 - Fall Bike to Work Week registered 5,500 people, from 927 organizations, who cycled more than 304,000 km.
 - Bike the Night had over 4,500 participants (up 30% over last year)
 - MEC Discount Night for HUB members on Nov 21st (10% discount) volunteers needed, see Nav.

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 (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. Our reports are used to educate municipal officials and provide them with recommendations. No assessment rides scheduled in the coming month. Anthony suggested we should organize an assessment ride at UBC (Westbrook Mall). Ride Volunteers: Sam, Anthony, 					
	Kay, Stan, Tassillie, Keith, Mike T, and Philip.					
East Van Greenway (Clark)	Contacted CoV staff and there are no updates at this time.					
	They are still in the early planning stages.					

Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	 Regular meetings being held with Park Board staff. Update on Stanley Park Cycling Plan progress underway, will be discussed next meeting. Some delays to this plan. 	
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. Consultants are currently working on plans for two areas (16 and King Edward, Marine) and working group will meet with them soon. King Edwards lights timing still not fixed. Jeff L will follow up with city staff. 	Jeff – follow up with CoV re Arbutus and King Edward lights
Broadway Subway (Jeff)	 City planning process for the Broadway Corridor has established guiding principles for Broadway as a transportation corridor post subway construction. Suggestion that people should try to attend the CoV pop up events in Mt Pleasant, and Kits, discussing transportation along the corridor. Express support for the principles that were adopted re active transportation in this corridor. 	
Urban Cargo and Delivery (Sam)	 This working group is looking at promoting the adoption of cargo bikes for last km delivery services, focusing on enabling policies as well as infrastructure issues. City of Vancouver staff excited about future potential, but we still have no timeline from city. Suggestion that HUB Cycling be asked to promote the use of Cargo Bikes for school trips, through the use of photos/articles, etc. 	

6. Consultations

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback
- CoV Community Amenity Contributions proposed program changes. This program is a substantial funder of cycling infrastructure. See the presentation for details. A key change is the plan to allow CAC funds to be applied outside the development's immediate area, for projects with City-wide benefits (eg the Arbutus Greenway, and the Granville Connector)
- UBC International Road Safety Conference attended; included Active Transportation safety presentations
- Robson Village Workshop (Robson/Alberni/Bute). Two committee members will attend the workshop. What would we like to see for public space amenities related to implementation of the West End Community Plan?
 - No cars, or possibly car light
 - o Potential partnership with TransLink, with consideration of bus service reliability (delays)
 - No cars during peak hours
 - o Deliveries scheduled for non-peak hours (note that there are alleys for deliveries)
 - Eliminate parking
 - o Wider sidewalks, and protected bike lanes on both sides
 - Encourage parklets
 - Pop up event like this one https://youtu.be/ORa9SwzKefl
 - Look at traffic counts to determine current vehicle volumes
 - Look at bus /sky train traffic from TransLink (City Centre station is adjacent)
- Request for interest in an online forum for our Local Committee (end of Yahoo Groups). Little interest expressed by meeting participants.
- Presentation requested and made to SFU Urban Studies course on HUB and our advocacy work

- CoV presentation on NE False Creek road network to be held on Nov 26th. Two reps attending from HUB.
- CoV workshop on Planning for Accessibility held. Discussion of the use of metrics to consider equity, eg, % of population living/working within 200 m of a AAA bikeway.
- State of Cycling benchmarking report due out at year end, will include some of these metrics
- New development (passive solar building, 60 stories) with 1000 bike parking stalls on Nelson.
 Highlights the need for cycling connectivity improvements along Nelson and Smithe, from Thurlow to Richards.
- CoV meeting held on implementation of a city-wide 30 km/hr neighbourhood speed limit project.
 Staff report expected in December for Council. Will recommend piloting in several neighbourhoods (eg West End) where current travel speeds are close to the proposed new limit. Then, expand to additional neighbourhoods but look at street changes (eg diversions), not just signage. Lots of data on current travel speeds from current CoV fleet, and Google data.
- BC Parkway detour at Nanaimo by TransLink due to Nanaimo station construction, will run for two
 months.
- CoV notice re issues with 10th Ave improvements from Vine to Maple. Some drivers ignoring one way signs and travelling in protected bike lanes. New crosswalk requested by residents. City adding enforcement by VPD.
- **7. Board Update** (Jeff) No update this month
- **8. Regional Advisory Committee** (Jeff) no update this month

9. Other Business:

- CoV Transportation Committee (Lisa) Opportunity for individuals to join projects committee, and other committees.
- Arbutus Greenway Option Lands sold back to CP are going through a Community Plan public engagement phase for one property at the corner of Fir and 2nd. Concerns regarding the potential for a protected off street bikeway along the original rail route not being protected with setback rules. Open House held Nov 19th.
- Kay: SW Marine Drive Problems with concrete barriers being shifted into the bike lanes. City was supposed to do improvements in summer 2019 but nothing has been done. Perhaps we have to get Operation Department involved as well to explore these systemic problems. Jeff discussions ongoing with CoV. Will follow up and report back.
- Mike: CoV is revising their Sign Bylaw. Members are encouraged to participate. Open Houses Nov 25 and 27. Details here
- Request for an update on improvements to 14th planned by the City. Jeff to follow up and report back on plans.

20:05 Meeting adjourned20:05-20:30 Working Group meetings

Next meeting: January 21st, 2020 – Note that there will be no meeting in December