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## **HUB Langley Local Committee**

### Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 21, 2021

Location: On-line meeting due to Covid-19 pandemic

Alternate Chair: Tony Bisig

Minutes: Tony Bisig

Attendees: Tony Bisig, John Evanochko, Geraldine Jordan.

1. Welcome & introductions.
2. Adoption of May minutes.
3. Old Business
  - a. Langley City
    - Nothing to report.
  - b. Langley Township
    - Completed: North Langley MUP on east side of 198 Street from 92a Avenue to 96 Avenue.
  - c. Mitch followed up again with Christie Stevenson at MoTI regarding our request for a link between 216 Street and 83 Avenue. At this time, no decision has been made.



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#### 4. New Business

- a. Second meeting with MoTI - all committee members indicated they will attend. Upcoming meeting Monday, June 28 from 11am -12 with MoTI regarding Hwy project 264 Street to Whatcom Road.

HUB Langley strongly believes that project planning must address present and future transportation needs. Some key points are:

- There must be cycling infrastructure connectivity at intersections.
- As infrastructure improves, more people will commute greater distances using e-bikes.
- Highway crossings should have Park and Ride transit hubs that include charging stations for e-bikes/electric vehicles and washroom facilities.
- Double bike lanes will be required to accomodate conventional bikes and faster moving e-bikes.

**REMINDER:** MoTI Survey open until July 6th:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation-projects/fraser-valley-highway1/highway1-whatcom>

#### 5. Other Business/ Announcements/ Upcoming Events

- a. The HUB Committee congratulates Geraldine on the completion of a very successful Bike to School Week event at Topham and James Kennedy Elementary schools. Many hours went into making this a great event. Student participation rates at both schools were exceptionally high. Geraldine has prepared a detailed post event report which can lay the foundation for future BTSW events at neighbouring Langley schools. Parent feedback revealed that there generally need to be more bike racks at schools and that our rainy climate calls for covered racks. Geraldine will draft a letter asking ToL and the School Board for support in the acquisition of covered bike racks.

It has been suggested that road reallocation in the vicinity of the schools could help create safe travel lanes for young cyclists traveling to and from school during BTSW. For example, a travel lane on Walnut Grove Drive between Walnut Grove Secondary School and James Kennedy Elementary could be dedicated to cyclists in the am and pm.

- b. There was a brief discussion about lower speed limits in neighbourhoods and permanent 30 km/h speeds in park/school corridors. Speed reductions have been implemented in other communities but we do not know how successful they have been. Tony will reach out to HUB for any available data.



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- c. On the topic of bike racks, committee members agreed that we need to communicate to business owners and institutions that bike racks should not be placed out of sight, but rather in high visibility areas as close to front entrances as possible.  
John will contact Langley Hospital about placing bike racks in the covered area by the new main entrance. Well thought out placement of bike racks can discourage bike theft.  
Tony noted that the Willoughby shopping area has multiple bike racks throughout the property. It may be useful to let cyclists know which Langley businesses do have bike racks. This information could be shared on the HUB Langley Facebook page. Geraldine added that a phone APP for bike racks in Langley would be very useful for residents who wish to do their shopping/commuting by bike.
- d. John volunteered in the first national bike count, organized by Velo Canada Bikes. The Pedal Poll team collected over 1200 counts from volunteers across the country. Canada Bikes is a federal not for profit corporation established in 2012. Further information can be found at **canadabikes.org**.
- e. John has identified a safety issue where Glover Road crosses railway tracks at an approximate 90 degree curve. This location is just west of Trinity Western University. As cyclists ride in a westerly direction, they are approaching the railway crossing on an incline. Cyclists are then forced into the travel lane as they cross the tracks. Most motorists are in excess of a safe speed on this busy roadway. John has made a recommendation to Township engineering that "Share the roadway" signs be installed at this location. John did submit a service request to ToL, spoke with an ToL engineer and sent an e-mail to Tammy. John has not yet received a response. HUB Langley will send a formal letter to ToL asking for immediate action on this dangerous location before a cyclist is injured.

6. Next meeting date: Monday, July 19, 2021 @ 7 pm

7. Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm