

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting Feb 12, 2015

In attendance: Dave, Alex, Peter, Barry, Geoff, Ivan, Jackie
Guests: Alexander Clarkson (President HUB), Nigel Harvey

Regrets:

Notes

Upcoming events:

- Thu. Feb. 19, 1 - 3 pm: Invitation to strategic workshop hosted by the City of Maple Ridge and PacificSport Fraser Valley, in Council Chambers. Dave attended the last meeting, and felt it was too focussed on sports. Jackie will attend this time.
(purpose: Building a strategic vision for sport and physical activity in Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows)
- April 18, 10 - 2: Earth Day 2015. Theme: "Water, water everywhere".
Cycle Recycle sign: graphic designer Cindy Farnsworth came up with two designs. One with the Earth Day girl on a bike with basket filled with veggies, cycling in a green landscape, the other with the Earth Day girl cycling on the earth. We picked the first one. Jackie to arrange gift for Cindy Farnsworth to thank her for the design. (Jackie asked Eileen of Haney Farmers Market for a \$30 gift certificate).
Barry would like to start looking for bikes at the Recycle Depot. Jackie to send e-mail to Leanne Koehn.
Jackie to start collecting and cleaning bikes from people who have previously said they wanted to donate bikes this year.
Disaster Bike Response project: last meeting on Jan. 20 with Patrick Cullen of Emergency Preparedness (City of MR). Next meeting Tues. Feb. 17, 7 pm at City Hall (Blaney Room). Nothing new to report.
- April 20: Bike safety workshop for 1st Haney Cubs (Alex). Alex will keep in touch with Leanne Koehn, cub leader.
- May 9: Art Studio Bike Tour. Nigel Harvey is interested in getting involved in this. This year we'll break up in smaller groups of 10 or less, to avoid having to go through the hassle of applying for special event- and highway use permits. Still need to arrange insurance through HUB. Hopefully we'll still be able to advertise through the City.
- TBD: Bike Tune-up Workshop (also part of training for Disaster Bike Response Team). This was originally planned for June 13, also as part of Bike Month (June), with support from/partnership with the Haney Farmers Market (Eileen Dwillies), but may have to be moved to an earlier date. Patrick Cullen of Emergency Preparedness was going to talk to Eileen Dwillies re other date. Jackie hasn't heard back yet.
- June 20? Disaster Bike Response exercise. Date may still change. No further details available yet.

Other:

- Installation of barriers (132nd Ave., River Road)
 - Comments still needed re draft for second e-mail to Engineering Dept. re River Road. Jackie still waiting for feedback from Dave Hardie, who lives on River Road.
 - Jackie to draft e-mail to Engineering/Council to be "on the record" with regard to our position on the barriers on 132nd Ave., now being installed.

Both on 132nd Ave. and River Road the barriers have made it significantly more dangerous to bike on the road.
- Update 123 Ave. development at McKenney Creek (207A St.). (Dave, Jackie) Dave and Jackie met with David Pollock regarding this development. The Engineering Department has proposed an alternative design for the bike lane along this development, which significantly reduces the danger to cyclists of re-entry in the road east of the development and should make the transition smoother. The development application is on the agenda for the (2nd) Public Hearing on Feb. 17. Dave to send e-mail to David Pollock (Engineering) with cc to Mayor Reid and Couns. Duncan, Speirs, Masse before the Public Hearing to confirm our support for the design as proposed by the Engineering Department.
- 128th Ave. widening + MUP. Link to Open House display boards:
<http://www.mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/4732>
Our HUB Committee's proposal can be found on our blog:
<http://www.rmccyclist.info/2015/02/128th-ave-widening.html>
Alex mentioned the unlikelihood of Translink agreeing to eliminate the bike lane on the north side - as 128th is part of the MRN - and providing separate bike and pedestrian paths instead, but we need to keep asking for cycling infrastructure that works for cyclists of all ages and abilities, instead of "accommodating" the strong and fearless with their own on-road facilities, while the 59-or-so% of "interested but concerned" cyclists end up having to share a multi-use path with pedestrians, strollers and dogs, and sometimes horses (not in this case though, there's separate horse path).
- Update progress Transportation Advisory Committee. A new Task Force (Mayor Reid, Couns. Shimkiw and Speirs) has been formed recently to look at the work done by previous Council. Looks like we just may get an active transportation advisory committee after all.
- Meetings Mayor and Council + rides: not discussed and will be on the agenda again for March meeting.
- May 8, 7 - 8 pm, Memorial Peace Park: Heart and Stroke Foundation fundraiser Big Bike: bigbike.ca. Not discussed. Back on agenda for March meeting.
Team of 30 people, 15 - 20 minute ride. Need fundraising goal. People can either join a team or we can start a HUB team.
- Annual allowance: still remaining \$336.62. \$30 needed for gift for Cindy Farnsworth. Jackie to ask Tracey E. to look into what's our best option for GoPro.