

Draft Minutes

South Delta HUB Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 8, 2015 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ladner Leisure Centre (Upper Concourse Meeting Room)

1. Introductions/Attendees

Patrick (Chair), Karon, Sepia, Graham, Brad, John, Kathy, Roel, Barbara, Matthias, Jack, Carol

Sepia Sharma from Fraser Regional Health Authority was in attendance. She provided some brief comments about the role of cycling in the community health initiatives that she supports.

2. Review/approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved.

3. Update: Meeting Location

Patrick updated the Committee on recent actions re: meeting space for SD HUB:

- per staff recommendation, in December a letter went to Delta Mayor & Council regarding possible meeting space at Municipal Hall
- Councilors Bishop, Kanakos and King supported a motion that would have granted SD HUB a waiver on meeting space fees at Ladner Community Centre
- The motion was defeated over concerns that other non-profits might request the same arrangement
- Unfortunately, HUB's former room at the Ladner Community Centre has been booked for Thursday nights for the rest of the year

Patrick toured the Ladner Library meeting room and was impressed with the space. Carol and Barbara mentioned that the Library in Tsawwassen was previously used for their "GO Green" group meetings (for free).

Action: Barbara/Carol will contact the Library about options for SD HUB

Kathy and Sepia are both familiar with meeting space at the Ladner United Community Church (which may come at little or no cost to community groups).

However, it was uncertain if the space is available in the evenings.

Action: Sepia will contact the United Church re: availability/hours of meeting space

Karon and Sandra met with Sam Oppal at Delta's Community Police Office. There is a meeting room available there (max. 10 persons), which could suit Subcommittees.

4. Update: Meeting with Delta Engineering

Patrick provided a brief update on his December 5th meeting with Delta's Director of Engineering, Steven Lan, and Hon Yee:

- Delta invited SD HUB to participate on their Transportation Technical Committee. The TTC advises Mayor and Council on integrated transportation issues, and is comprised of Delta staff, Delta Police, ICBC and the School District.
- HUB would be invited when cycling issues arise
- As Delta is looking for perspectives on both North and South Delta, SD HUB has

been asked to consider how to involve North Delta cyclists and conditions.

- As the TTC is an internal staff committee, there are no minutes publicly available

It was suggested that Delta might establish a citizen “active transportation” committee, similar to what municipalities like New West have. Such a committee could serve as a filter/repository for public concerns (i.e. to alleviate staff time).

Action: Kathy to contact Heather Harvey/HUB to see if there is a list available of Municipalities with citizen active transportation committees.

Committee members were supportive of finding ways to include North Delta cyclists (many members of the road racing community cycle both areas regularly). This will be critical during the Routes Map Revision project, which incorporates routes from both North and South Delta. It was suggested that we could invite key North Delta contacts to the SD HUB meetings, to build links (and, possibly, help develop a North Delta HUB Committee in future).

Action: Patrick will contact Surrey/North Delta HUB Chair to confirm if many (or any) North Delta residents participate.

Action: Graham to follow-up with some North Delta cycling contacts that he has.

Action: Patrick to follow-up with Councilor Jeannie Kanokos regarding (~2005) Cycling Report and North Delta cycling contacts.

5. Subcommittee Updates

A. *Safety/Routes Subcommittee*

Patrick received a short update from Delta (Hon Yee), indicating that the Delta Route Map Revision contract had been awarded in December. The first meeting with the selected consultant will be Thursday, January 8th. It is anticipated that involvement with the SD HUB subcommittee might begin shortly thereafter.

Action: Patrick will invite consultant to attend the next SD HUB meeting.

The Safety Routes Subcommittee met at Sharkey’s on December 16. To date, the following routes have been identified for assessments (led by indicated member):

- River Road West from Ladner Harbour Park to Delta Port (Dirk)
- Arthur Dr, 53/52 St to Hwy 17 (Kathy)
- 52 St/Highway 17 route and intersection (HUB Infrastructure subcommittee)
- Boundary Bay Village; 52 St to Highway 17; Tsawwassen and English Bluff (Roel)
- Tsawwassen area and 41B Street (Bruce)
- Millennium Trail and Ladner (Sandra)
- Tsawwassen along 64th Street to Tilbury Park, Tilbury Park through Massey Tunnel to Richmond (Matthias)
- Ladner Trunk/Hornby/Colebrook Rd route to Surrey; route to South Surrey/White Rock along dykes (Neil)

Kathy provided an overview of the draft route assessment she did for Arthur Drive. She suggested that assessments in the future be conducted in pairs, in order to add additional user and/or technical perspective. Patrick indicated that this is a common practise with other HUB Committees.

B. *Education*

Barbara described a draft “Stakeholder list” she developed, which could become a

comprehensive list of key contacts for SD HUB (i.e. for future outreach or events). It was suggested that the Education Subcommittee could be broadened to include “Education and Community Engagement”.

Action: Barbara will submit the draft listing to Patrick for distribution to SD HUB Committee members. Members will be instructed to add applicable detail (i.e. known contact names/emails), and suggest additional contact ideas.

C. Local/Regional Infrastructure

Patrick confirmed that SD HUB submitted a letter to the Ministry of Transportation for their 10-Year Transportation Plan Consultation. A draft was developed with subcommittee members, and a final copy was sent to all Committee members.

On January 6th, SD HUB was invited to a meeting at Tsawwassen First Nation regarding the Great Blue Heron Way trail. Patrick attended, along with Carol and Arno (HUB) who are members of the GBHW planning team. It was suggested that SD HUB have representation on the GBHW team, to provide ongoing input for Delta residents. Presently, Patrick and John will serve as alternates.

Action: Patrick will invite a representative from TFN to the next SD HUB meeting.

Committee members were concerned about future plans for cycling/pedestrian infrastructure at the intersection of Hwy 17 and 52 St (adjacent to the new Tsawwassen Mills/Commons malls). It is uncertain whether sufficient attention is being paid to non-vehicular transportation in the area (particular along 52 St, which is a designated cycling route).

Action: SD HUB will write a letter of concern to Province/TFN/Delta regarding conditions at that intersection (including specific ICBC statistics on road safety).

D. Tourism

Tourism Delta is holding their next meeting on Tuesday, Jan 13. Sandra participated in the last meeting, but is not able to contribute on a go-forward basis. SD HUB is presently looking for another committee member to liaise and participate with this marketing committee.

Action: Patrick will send Brad the agenda for the Jan 13 Tourism Delta meeting.

E. Project Monitoring

No updates.

Action: SD HUB will prepare a standard letter-of-introduction to introduce ourselves – as a “community resource” – to proponents of applicable development projects.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Next Committee Meeting:

→ When: Thursday, Feb 5th, 2015 at 7pm

→ Where: TBA (location to be confirmed shortly)