

Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2021 - 7:00 pm - Merkley Park

1. Attendees: Jackie Chow, Ivan Chow, Barry Bellamy, Peter Jongbloed, Janet Dwillies, Antoinette DeWit, Sigrun Gilmour
2. Minutes of previous meeting - Approved.
3. Agenda for this meeting - Approved
4. Old **Business**

4.1 ATAC PM - Meeting of June 14 - nomination of new chair and vice-chair;

Peter met with members to look at things that need doing in Pitt Meadows such as wayfinding signage;

CP Rail logistics yard on backburner;

Crossing Neaves Road from Dyke - poles are up for crossing lights.

TAC MR - Nothing to report but Janet mentioned that the path on 128th between Laity Farm and Jerry Sulina Park has some very dangerous ruts that need repairing.

4.2 Bike Rides - Michael reported via email. Maple Ridge 101 is scheduled for Sunday August 1st at 2.00 p.m. Michael has previewed half the ride from Westgate/203rd to Witchcraft Beer Market and Bistro. We are reversing the ride because of the long uphill along 123 from 207th to Laity which can be tough on beginners. Michael has created an EventBrite event for the ride as well as a custom waiver using HUB's SmartWaiver account. As we get closer to the event Michael will contact those who volunteered to check in and get waivers signed. There are phone apps for EventBrite and SmartWaiver that make this easier. Michael will be posting a blog about the ride to rmcyclist.info, sending text to Jackie to MailChimp to our members and adding the event to local calendars (Climate Hub, GETI).

4.3 Regional Greenways 2050 - Work with Maple Ridge Parks Department to ensure our trails conform to Metro Vancouver's plan of trails being accessible to regular bikes, walkers and where possible horses. Jackie and Jenny were to prepare a proposal to present to Parks Department for some trail improvements.

Jackie to divide up some trails (Bear Ridge and George's Way) to give to Janet and Sigrun to check if suitable for regular bikes.

Antoinette mentioned that in her conversation with Councillor Ahmed Yousef - he offered that if we have any unresolved issues with respect to bike trails etc. we could go to him.

5. New Business

- 5.1 Bike Ride Tourism Cycling Event/Antoinette** - Antoinette has a vision for a tourism bike route encompassing approximately 24 km starting at Golden Ears Cheesecrafters and making stops at Laity Farms, Amsterdam Nursery and Hopcott Farms where she hopes there will be some sort of biking displays. This is in the early stages of planning and she presented the idea to HUB in order to get some feedback. The idea was well received but members had some significant concerns with respect to the planned route/road safety and insurance. (Under HUB and the City's rules, participants are automatically insured. If there are 10 or more riders we are required to get City permits and insurance).
- 5.2 Letter Writing Campaign** - Erin suggested a letter writing campaign to get more people to write letters to the City with respect to the transportation plan. This could also build our email list. Jackie suggested that this could be done in a form letter that everyone signs and sends to the Mayor, Council and Staff. Antoinette remarked that these types of letters are usually ignored. It was then suggested that people could write their own letters with certain key issues to be provided by Hub.