

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting June 16, 2014 - notes

In attendance: Alex, Ivan, Jackie, Geoff, new guest: Denise

Regrets: Dave, Peter, Barry

Past events:

- ≡ Alex gave a brief report on the Intersections Community Networking event that he attended on Apr. 9.
- ≡ Dave attended the June 16 Connected Cycling Network Map workshop at HUB office on June 16. Peter attended per conference call. Neither were available to report.
- ≡ No report on Pitt Meadows Day since Peter was not available. PM ATAC was in charge of the bike parking.

Upcoming events:

- ≡ Jackie is working with Lina Azeez of Watershed Watch Salmon Society to organize a bike tour of the Katzie Slough, which will be on Sat. July 19. This bike tour is to bring awareness to the plans by Pitt Meadows resident Scott Magri to restore the slough to viable salmon habitat. There's an option to start the ride at 4 pm from Memorial Peace Park, to the parking lot at Jungle Jack's Meadowtown Mall (by the railroad), which is where the actual bike tour will start at 5 pm. The tour is about 11 kms, and will have several stops along the slough, with a barbeque (or possibly sandwiches?) at either Baynes Pump Station, about 1 km west of Osprey Village, or at Osprey Village by the water.
The ride starting at Memorial Peace Park is about 22 km.
- ≡ Progress is slow with respect to the Bike to Farms ride, which will most likely be on September 6. No confirmation from 2 of the participating farms yet.
- ≡ Sept. 20: GETI Fest (Jackie).

Other:

- ≡ Meeting with Councillors Corisa Bell, Bob Masse.
 - There has been a lot of criticism directed at Council with regard to the cost of the Lougheed multi-use path and the misperception that it's a bike path to nowhere. Jackie wrote about the 11th Ave. bike route in her last column, made maps available, and has been inviting people for rides along the route. We should continue to promote the route throughout the summer.
 - Over the last 3 ½ months Jackie has been unsuccessful in getting the District to put the draft Transportation Plan on-line. When she last spoke with Mr. Quinn (General Manager Public Works and Development Services) on June 9th, he told her "it was actually no big deal to put it on-line, but as of today it's still not available. She was told that it would go to Council in June/July.
 - We should connect with other groups such as BIA (other groups?). Coun. Bell will facilitate a presentation by Ivan to the Chamber of Commerce.
 - Need to point out success stories/best practices, and economic, health and other benefits of cycling, with North American examples as opposed to European.

- Also stories of ordinary people that people can relate to.
- Coun. Masse asked if HUB has health related info that could be put out in health care offices. Jackie asked HUB. Heather replied that the folder that they have may not be suitable, but asked others at the office to follow up.
- HUB to present to SPAC (Social Planning Advisory Committee) on physical/health/mental/social advantages of cycling.
- Need to keep pushing for bike map.
- As election approaches, we need to switch focus from cycling to more general urban design/sustainability issues, etc.
- Coun. Bell recommended taking a look at the 2013 Citizen's report, available on-line.
- ≡ HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows social media: HUB facebook page is now called HUB Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows. Alex will set up a Twitter account.
- ≡ HUB proposal for improvements 117th route: Jackie sent an e-mail to Michael Eng to ask when signage along the route will be completed, and to invite members of the Engineering Department for a ride along the route. Michael Eng replied that it's on the list of things to do and hopefully they'll get to it soon. As to a ride, he said they are interested in hearing our suggestions and concerns.
- ≡ Request for meeting with Sgt. Bruce McCowan (replaced Dale Somerville, Traffic Section RCMP – potentially new HUB liaison?) (sent e-mail 25/3/14; no reply. Sent another e-mail on June 18)