

## **HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting Jan. 8, 2015**

In attendance: Colin Stein, Ivan, Geoff, Barry, Peter, Jackie

Regrets: Alex

### **Notes**

- Colin Stein (HUB's Director of Marketing Communications & Campaigns) gave updates related to referendum, head office activities, RAC, 2015 campaigns, etc. Discussed the fact that the majority of voters in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows area are not supportive of the referendum and see it more as an opportunity to vote against Translink on governance and executive over-compensation and spending issues. Local residents don't think they're getting what they're paying for and don't want to pay any more. Explained our position and why we're mostly trying to stay out of the discussion.

Upcoming events:

- April 18, 10 - 2: Earth Day 2015. Theme: "Water, water everywhere". Emergency Preparedness project: next meeting with Patrick Cullen (Emergency Preparedness on Jan. 20, 7 pm, at City Hall, Blaney Room.
- May 9 or May 10 (Mother's Day): we'll do another Art Studio Bike Tour. Jackie's waiting to hear from Kerry McLaren from the Art Studio Tour group for a list of participants + map so she can start planning.

Other:

- Brown Ave. (121 bike route) and 123 Ave. (123 bike route) development proposals. Staff was asked to look at possible solutions for Brown Ave. As to the development on 123 Ave. at McKenney Creek, apart from our concerns wrt cyclist safety (dip in the road and narrow section) there were various concerns re traffic both on 123 Ave. and 207A St., environmental set-backs etc. from residents in the area which the developer has been asked to address.
- We're going to continue to meet throughout the summer for now. If there aren't any pressing issues at the time, we can always decide to skip a meeting closer to the date.
- HUB MR/PM priorities for 2015. Didn't have time to go through BAC Business Plan 2013 - 2017 and prioritize + add items, so this will be back on agenda for Feb. meeting.
- Update HUB Regional Action Plan 2015:
  - Inclusion of separate bike facilities along 128th Ave. as part of the watermains construction by Metro Vancouver

- Improved cyclist connectivity between Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows (Lougheed Highway)
  - Lougheed Highway separated multi-use facilities from Meadowtown Mall at Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows border to 240th Street.
  - Continued lobbying to include Lougheed Hwy in the cycling network as part of the Multi-Modal Transportation Network for the Maple Ridge Town Core.\*
  - Improved cycling facilities for the Haney Bypass.
  - Improvements and signage of the 117th Ave. east-west bike route.
  - Increased sweeping of shoulders along Lougheed and Haney Bypass.
- Update HUB website 2015: what are our priorities + past successes?

Priorities:

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- Improvements of cycling facilities for the Haney Bypass.
- Improvements and signage of the 117th Ave. east-west bike route.
- Improvements of the 123 and 121 east-west bike routes when and where possible.
- Lobbying for Maple Ridge bike map.
- Meet and rides with new mayor and councillors.
- Pitt Meadows: still need to add.

**SUCCESSSES**

- Passport station at Golden Ears Bridge official opening (2009).
- Input in Master Parks Plan Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows (2010).
- Assessment rides of cycling network in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows area by 20 volunteers, in cooperation with Bicycle Advisory Committee (2011).
- Annual bike decorating and rodeo at GETI Fest (Sept.) from 2011 until present.
- Several group rides every year since 2011 (a.o. Discover Hammond Tour, Art Studio Bike Tour, Bike to Farms ride, Katzie Slough Bike Tour).
- Monthly cycling column in Maple Ridge News from July 2011 until present.
- Annual Cycle Recycle (used refurbished bikes give-away) at Earth Day from 2012 until present (also at GETI Fest 2012).
- Translink bus bike rack at GETI Fest 2011 and Earth Day 2012.
- Separated multi-use path along Abernathy between 224th and 232nd Streets (2012).

- Separated multi-use path along Lougheed Highway between 216th and Laity Streets (2013).
  - Input in Transportation Plan (2014).
  - Input to Downtown Business Improvement Association for location bike racks.
  - Spring bike tune-up workshop at Haney Farmers Market 2014.
  - vehicle parking violations on 121st bike route between 216th and Laity regularly patrolled and enforced.
- Speaking engagement proposal Chris and Melissa Bruntlett (Modacity): something to bring up when the new Transportation Advisory Committee is up and running.