

E-mail to Mayor Nicole Read, Couns. Craig Speirs and Tyler Shymkiw,
dated Oct. 13, 2015

Re: New Maple Ridge Pedestrian and Cycling Advisory Committee

Dear Mayor Read, Couns. Speirs and Shymkiw,

I understand that the review process to establish a new Pedestrian and Cycling Advisory Committee is close to completion. Our HUB committee is looking forward to be able to work with the new committee.

As to the composition of the future committee, we would appreciate consideration by Mayor and Council of the appointment of at least one local HUB representative on the committee. The former joint Bicycle Advisory Committee had a HUB liaison, and one or two more HUB committee members were usually also appointed to member-at-large positions.

Our HUB committee was founded in January 2009. We have been actively promoting and advocating for cycling in our community for almost seven years. During that time, we have participated with various events, we have helped provide education and we have also organized rides in and around our community, all this to get more people to cycle, more often.

You may have heard of some of our activities. We organize an annual Cycle Recycle at Earth Day in Maple Ridge, for which we collect, clean and tune up some twenty bikes every year, and give them away through a draw. This year we held our second Bike Tune-up Workshop at the Haney Farmers Market. We also have been organizing bike rodeos for kids at GETI Fest in September for the past five years. Of the rides that we organize, the most popular is our Bike to Farms event, for which we had over thirty participants this year. Our Art Studio Bike Tour in May is also gaining in popularity.

We have also been providing thoughtful and thorough input to the City for policy documents related to issues such as transportation, recreation, health, and environment, as well as for development applications where we feel cycling could be improved to make it feasible for all ages and abilities.

As you might be aware, HUB headquarters, with the help of all ten local HUB committees, has begun the 'Ungap the Map' initiative, an effort to complete the regional cycling infrastructure by filling the gaps in the

network which currently exist. Meetings are being scheduled with both Ministers Stone and Fassbender. As local representatives for Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows we have been providing input feeding into the ministerial level. For more information about this, see the attached document.

As our local HUB Committee has been working closely with HUB Headquarters on this UnGaptheMap exercise for our area, it would be important, both for Council and city staff and for HUB to have a local HUB representative on the new advisory committee.

HUB is represented on transportation committees in most of the other Metro Vancouver municipalities.*(see below)

If you would like to have a face to face meeting to discuss this, our HUB Headquarters representative, Colin Stein, would be happy to come out and speak with the advisory committee review committee members, together with one or more of our local committee members, if this would help us find common cause.

Kind regards,

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*** HUB representation on other municipal transportation committees:**

Vancouver: Active Transportation Advisory Committee - several HUB members.

Richmond: Active Transportation Committee - has HUB member.

Delta:

- Active Transportation Subcommittee (new) - has HUB member.
- Transportation Technical Committee (internal group with reps from Engineering, Police, the School District - and externally, MoTI and HUB, etc.).

TriCities:

- **Port Moody:** Transportation Committee - has HUB rep.
- **Port Coquitlam:** Cycling Advisory Group - has HUB rep.
- **Coquitlam?** To be negotiated

North Shore:

- **City of North Van:** Integrated Transportation Committee - has HUB member
- **District of North Van:** Transportation Committee - has HUB member

Langley Township: Community and Transportation Safety Committee was recently phased out due to difficulty finding community members.