HUB-Burnaby Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2014, 6:45pm

Bob Prittie Metrotown Library

6100 Willingdon Ave, Burnaby

Present: Aaron Dixon, David Fairey, Trevor Gibbens, Cathy Griffin, Keith Lim, Natasha Silva, Claude Tani (secretary), Fiona Walsh (Chair)

Regrets: Ken Robb, Heather Harvey

1. Review and Adoption of January 14 Minutes. Deferred to next meeting.
2. Review and Adoption of the Agenda. No printed copies available, Fiona read it out.
3. Guest Speaker: Leah Libsekal , City of Burnaby Transportation Planner:
   1. Leah is one of three transportation planners for Burnaby. The other two are Ian Wasson and Stuart Ramsey. Leah is responsible for road cycle routes and Ian is responsible for urban trails. Stuart is their boss.
   2. Leah is working on programs for bike to school and learning to ride for new immigrants.
   3. The city is working on the renewal of the Transportation Plan to include all modes of transportation. Public consultation will start in 2015 and will include HUB as a stakeholder. For more details see:  
      <http://www.burnaby.ca/City-Services/Planning/Transportation-Planning.html>
   4. Gilmore Overpass, Sea to River Bike Route: Possible option: an urban trail on the west side from Canada Way to Still Creek. Some options for the bridge: change 1 car lane into a bike lane or use the west sidewalk for cyclists.
   5. Bike counters installed throughout Burnaby to provide data - important when applying for funding for cycling infrastructure.
   6. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) owns roadway from Canada Way north to Highway 1.
   7. Give guest speakers from City specific topics to prepare and things to bring (maps, etc).
   8. City Transportation Plan Map is available on the City’s Website.
   9. Winningdon from Lougheed to Hastings - urban trail (separated path?) on the east side.
   10. Two standards for urban trails: a road standard for cyclists or a park standard.
   11. BC Parkway (jurisdiction of Translink) was built to the lower standard. BC Hydro has the right of way. Possibility to build a new on-street cycling route following BC Parkway.
   12. The new Dunblane Development does not have any bike routes.
   13. For the Metrotown Skytrain Station, Translink would like to sell its bus loop and relocate to Beresford. The City is against this plan.
   14. The Brentwood Mall Bus Loop has been changed so that the buses do not pull into the loop. Boarding the buses now takes place on Willingdon Ave - not transit users friendly.
   15. City Transportation Plan will follow the similar process as the City’s Environment Sustainability Strategy. Hopefully the plan would elevate cyclists equal to pedestrians.
   16. Assessment rides with City staff would be helpful.
4. New Business:
   1. We should approach the City for a grant to fund our Committee
   2. Two members of our committee are working on a wiki for our group.
   3. Aaron will invite Helen Cook (Translink) to our next meeting. Some issues: bus loops, elevators (dark, dirty, small), the cycling budget.
5. Adjournment: 8:45pm, next meeting March 5 at 6:45pm , Bob Prittie Library.