

South Delta HUB Committee Meeting
Oct 9th, 2014, 6 – 7:30pm
Ladner Community Centre

ACTION ITEMS:

Attend next meeting, Thursday November 6th, same location, 7 – 8:30pm. Come prepared with list of spot improvements and projects that need to be considered for action by the committee.

Alex, HUB President, started the meeting, provided overview of HUB and why we're interested in starting a HUB committee in South Delta.

Patrick, Interim Chair – introduced himself and discussed some of the upcoming projects that this committee could be working on such as the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project.

Lots of people in the room (22!!), round table of introductions to hear what everyone was interested in. Around the table was:

- Alex, President of HUB
- Patrick, Interim Chair – busy with other commitments so cannot run this committee on his own, hopefully there will be some volunteers who step forward to co-chair, take minutes etc. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.
- Heather, Membership Coordinator & Local Committee Liaison
- Bill - with the South Delta Riders. Interested in safety in general, poorly repaired roads causing accidents.
- Roger - Tsawwassen, interested in dyke extension into White Rock.
- Barbara - Tsawwassen, teacher in Vancouver, recreational cyclist. Interested in seeing more quiet, away from traffic, bike routes, safely, places where you can day dream while riding as well as more education for all road users.
- Carol - Working with Tsawwassen First Nation (Elder Ruth Adams) on Great Blue Heron Way, trying to initiate a cycle and walking trail from BC Ferry to Tsawwassen, Ladner and into Vancouver, connecting to part of the Trans-Canada Trail. Arno mentioned Carol ran a committee through HUB, back when it was the VACC (Vancouver Area Cycling Coalition), with a safe routes to school program.
- Betty – Interested in seeing more education. Listed a few specific roads that needed improvement.
- Dirk – Interested in working with those with mobility challenges, cycling as a tourist attraction. Discussion a group called Wheels for All: <http://www.cycling.org.uk/wfa/intro>
- Neil - Tsawwassen, rides with South Delta Riders and Boundary Bay Cycling Club. Has been interested and ready to work on getting people together to meet with the city council to get bikes on the agenda, interested in safety and promoting cycling for tourism.
- Dave - Rides with Team Coastal and South Delta Riders – Mentioned some specific roads that need improvement. Would like to see more 'share the road signs' on the roads.
- Debra – with the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project (GMTRP), interested to see how we can fit cycling into the plans.
- Brent – lives in Tsawwassen, work in Ladner, Director of the Boundary Bay Cycling Club, rides with other groups, organizes sport events. Listed a number of specific areas for improvement.
- Tony – Owner of Steveston Bicycle and Mobility (<http://www.kaymarantours.com/retail>). Mentioned that as of Dec 24th there will no longer a bike shop in Ladner.
- Arno – past HUB President and Director, on the board for Bike to Work BC and Canada Bikes. Working on the Great Blue Heron Way with Carol and Elder Ruth Adams.
- Jack – saw the article in the Delta Optimist and was curious as to what the committee would be all about.

- Lori- with the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project (GMTRP), interested to see how we can fit cycling into the plans. Also worked on Pitt River Bridge project, has worked with the Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows HUB Committee. Has bike commuted in the past.
- Rob – Tsawwassen. Rides with the Boundary Bay Cycling Club. Interested in safety and condition of current bike routes, maintenance of roads, no shoulders, etc. Expressed how nothing has changed for 12 years, all of the issues that people were talking about at the meeting could have been talked about 12 years ago, no improvements have been made.
- Matthias- Tsawwassen, works in Tilbury Park, rides to work a few times a week. Interested in safety in general, already has been emailing council about current conditions, like to see more recreational facilities, cycling as tourism, maps/details for self-guided tours around the area.
- Sandra – Ladner. Involved locally with various committees, difficult to get very far with initiatives, kept being told they were waiting for south perimeter road, well its done now and so what is next? Cartographer, works with Haste with schools, wants to see infrastructure designed for youth and more education. There is a need to look at the destinations that people want to get to and make routes for that.
- Derek - Chair of the Richmond HUB Committee, curious to see what is going on here. Discussed some of the work that he and the committee are doing in Richmond and some of the challenges that a new committee might face.
- Bev - bikes around Ladner, she is a writer for health and wellness magazine. Concerned about upcoming election, need to get the message out there. Would like to see development applications include having to make cycle paths with any new construction.

General discussion happened during the road table introductions.

- General consensus that we could have had this same conversation 10 years ago, nothing has changed, nothing has gotten better for biking in the region.
- Sandra commented on the lack of bike racks, you always have to go looking for them, even at city hall.
- Education was a theme that the group kept returning to, Delta School Board needs to be pushed to include bike education.
- Barbara had some feedback as a teacher, list of people to talk to with schools to get bike programs in: sustainability coordinator with school board, committees in teachers union, environmental or sustainability committee, PAC at both provincial and local level, municipal cycling advisory committee.
- Potential to connect with those who organize Tour de Delta

Arno - introduced #UNGAPTHEMAP campaign:

<https://bikehub.ca/about-us/our-positions/connect-the-regions-cycling-network>

Delta Routes Map – produced in 2007, safe bike and walking routes, good preliminary job but it is now rather out of date. Carol mentioned that it is in the process of being revised by the engineering department, it is possible there is still time to provide input. Carol is trying to start an Active Transportation Subcommittee.

Debra – open houses for the George Massey Replacement, there will some more likely coming later this fall – definitely interest in making sure bikes are part of the project.

Tourism Delta is also interested in bike tourism and interested in what this committee is doing.

What's Next - Patrick

This to discuss and think about for the next meeting

- Local projects that require advocacy
- How a committee works, the positions that need to be filled within a committee to make it successful
- Alex recommended monthly meetings

Agreed on meeting times for the first Thursday of the month. Next meeting will be at the same location, Ladner Community Centre, on November 6th from 7 – 8:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.