

Draft Minutes

South Delta HUB Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 6, 2014 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Ladner Community Centre, North Room

A. Introductions

1. Patrick – Interim Chair, South Delta HUB Committee
2. Colin – Director of Marketing and Communications, HUB
3. Matthias - Regular cycle-commuter between Tsawwassen and Tilbury Industrial area
4. Alex – HUB President
5. Bruce - Interested in improving safety conditions for cyclists
6. Sandra - Promotes cycling in schools (with the HASTE organization); previously involved with Delta's former Traffic & Safety Committee
7. Carol - Has a long history of cycling advocacy in South Delta; sits on Delta's Environment Advisory Committee and Active Transportation group
8. Jennifer (Delta Council candidate) – Would like to promote better cycling connections and facilities, including River Road and Massey Tunnel Replacement project
9. Nicholas (Delta Council candidate) - Grew up cycling in Ladner; views cycling as an important form of active transportation
10. Heather (Delta Council candidate – As previous Councillor, was the chair of the former Traffic & Safety Committee; resulted in a comprehensive report from Urban Systems to improve connectivity between 3 communities of Delta; interested in reviving of the Traffic & Safety Committee
11. Karon (ICBC Road Safety Coordinator) – Works on a road safety campaign, which considers cyclists and others to be "vulnerable road users"
12. Roel - Interested in improving safety for cyclists, including bridge to Westham Island and River Road; recently began cycling again, for health benefits relating to arthritis
13. John - Active South Delta cyclist; previously part of Vancouver Trails Committee
14. Elizabeth - Interested in cycling for fitness; concerned about local connections - particularly 56th and 52nd Streets in Tsawwassen
15. Bryan - Cycles for health benefits (re arthritis); previously a resident of Whistler, where he was involved with trail development with municipal Parks & Recreation Committee
16. Graham - Active cyclist; interested in cycling safety, including separated paths; concerned that development is occurring and cycling conditions are being left-out; also concerned about the safety of cycling lanes on South Fraser Perimeter Road; experience cycling overseas (Sweden) where cycling routes were separated, well-lit, and well-used
17. Dirk - Promotes adaptive bicycles for those with disabilities; interested in bringing multiple users into consideration for paths; feels that the flat topography of South Delta could be a strong feature for tourism
18. Arno Schortinhuis - Involved with HUB (former director); works with advocacy team behind Great Blue Heron Way, connecting TFN with adjacent communities and First Nations.
19. Kathy - Frequently rides between Ladner and Tsawwassen; concerned about Arthur Drive (shoulders are crumbling), and poor state of River Road for cycling (part of dike is obstructed by a fence at the fish plant); feels that current Delta Routes Map is misleading as it leads riders into unsafe areas
20. Jack - Cycles in Ladner; recently retired and interested in contributing to cycling improvements

21. Joann - Lives in East Ladner; very interested in evolving Highway 17A into more of a 'greenway', heading from Ladner to Tsawwassen/BC Ferries (similar to greenway in Richmond); experience cycling overseas (Netherlands), where citizens could cycle everywhere

B. Review/approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved.

C. Committee structure discussion

HUB Committees generally have the following main roles, which are filled by individual Committee members:

1. Chair (and, in many cases, Co-chair)
Role: Lead the meetings; check progress with Subcommittees and project champions
2. Secretary
Role: Preparation of the agenda and minutes (note-taker)
3. Media liaison
Role: Act as the contact for the media – familiar with the activities of the committee, media contact policies and cycling issues generally

D. Upcoming Project: Delta Routes Map revision

Hon Yee and Steven Lan of the Delta Engineering Department have been in contact with the Committee to provide feedback on the upcoming Delta Routes revision (in particular, the identification of key destinations and routes between the them). Delta just released an RFQ (Request for Quotation) for the updated map, requesting consultants to submit bids by November 21st.

1. Comments:
Dirk – Suggested it would be helpful to have a map to draw on during the Committee meetings; this could become a living document for the Committee
Jack – Referred the Committee to Open Streets Maps, an online application that allows for mapping collaboration
Colin – Mentioned that many Committees use Yahoo Groups to collaborate amongst Committee (or Sub-Committee) members
Kathy - Referenced other route maps (in particular, Skagit County) which includes the "quality" of the roadways for cyclists, so that users won't be misled into levels of safety that aren't there yet
2. Next Steps:
→ Form Sub-Committee/working group for Map Revision Project
→ Sandra has volunteered to lead the Sub-Committee (she previously prepared the 2004 & 2007 Delta Routes Maps; not bidding on new contract)

E. Proposed Sub-committees

Patrick suggested an initial list of possible sub-committees, each one focusing on a particular

area of cycling that has been raised by the Committee members so far. The sub-committees often work behind-the-scenes, between Committee meetings, and then report back on their activities to the full Committee at the monthly meetings.

A sign-up sheet was passed around to allow members to sign-up for any sub-committees that are of interest. The following members signed-up at the meeting:

Delta Routes Map Revision

Sub-committee lead: Sandra Jones

Participating members (so far): Matthias, Bruce, Dirk, Roel, Arno, Kathy, Jack

Local/Regional Infrastructure (Massey Tunnel, Hwy 17A, etc.)

Sub-committee lead: TBA

Participating members (so far): Carol, John, Arno, Joann, Patrick, Matthias

Safety & Education

Sub-committee lead: TBA

Participating members (so far): Sandra, Carol, Karon

Tourism

Sub-committee lead: TBA

Participating members (so far): Heather, Matthias, Sandra

“Project Monitoring”

Sub-committee lead: TBA

Participating members (so far): TBA

Next Steps:

→ Patrick will send the proposed sub-committees to the entire Committee list, so that those members not present or undecided can sign-up by email

F. Meeting Location and Venue

The Committee currently rents the North Room at the Ladner Community Centre from the Corporation of Delta (at a non-profit rate).

1. Comments:

Carol suggested that the monthly fee be waived for the Committee, since we are providing a supportive role to the Municipality

Heather indicated that the Municipal Hall may be open on Thursdays until 9:30pm, and suggested that the Lunch Room may be an option for our monthly meeting.

2. Next Steps:

→ Patrick will contact Municipal Hall to determine whether there is meeting space available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Next Committee Meeting:

→ When: Thursday, December 4th, 2014 at 7pm

→ Where: North Room, Ladner Community Centre (unless otherwise notified)