



Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

18:30-20:00

HUB Office – 312 Main St

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Leslie (minutes), Philippe, John, Nav, Clark, Lisa, Anthony, Aidan, Rachel, Stan, Sean, Vitale, Paul, Dan, Elio, Sam, Eric, Keith, Chuck, Brad, Anya, Eleni, Mathew + 3 more

1. **Introductions and welcome to new members.**
2. **Agenda:** Approved with addition of Burrard Cycling Lane crash issue
3. **Minutes from November 2018 meeting:** Approved.

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
1	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311 or the VanConnect app to have them addressed by the City. You can ask for a call back to ensure your issue has been addressed. Ongoing
2	Jeff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Ridgeway Bikeway (Ontario east to Boundary Rd) assessment ride report
3	Clark	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule next assessment ride along Nanaimo St in East Vancouver. Planned for Jan 19th
4	Jeff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Schedule next assessment ride along the Ridgeway Bikeway west (looking for ride leader!)
5	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Go to www.translink.ca/fleetexpansion to show your support for more space for bikes on new cars by January 25th
6	Everyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you come across cars stopped in bike lanes, take photo(s) and send to Jeff

4. **Announcements** (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly and our wiki at <http://wiki.bikehub.ca>)
 - Arno Schortinguis, past president of HUB, and current president of the BC Cycling Coalition, passed away unexpectedly in late November – HUB has established The Arno Schortinguis Cycling Fund, and raised over \$20,000 in his name.
 - TransLink Fleet Expansion Survey – There is a proposal to change the format of new cars to allow more room for bikes: Please go <https://www.translink.ca/fleetexpansion> and provide your feedback before January 25th.
5. **Updates from Working Group Leads.**
 - Contact Jeff (Vancouver@bikehub.ca) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). Reports are generated and posted on our wiki. Our reports are used to educate municipal officials and provide them with recommendations. Ridgeway Bikeway (Ontario to Boundary Rd) completed, and report is being drafted. Ontario to Camosun will be scheduled shortly, but we need a ride leader. The City is interested in reviewing the report, as they have staff to assign to spot improvements such as along this route. Nanaimo St ride: Improvements are being made to Nanaimo St from McGill St to 4th Ave. Bike lane improvements are being made from Oxford St to 2nd Ave. The assessment ride on January 19th, will review the road surface and intersections, among other issues. 	Jeff and Clark schedule next ride
Seaside South (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope is the Seawall from Olympic Village through to the improved Seaside Greenway along Pt Grey Rd. Currently focusing on the section from Burrard Bridge, around Vanier Park, through Haddon Park, Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar. The Kits Beach area is under the purview of the Park Board, who have not been supportive of improving cycling in that area. In the past, Park Board staff and Commissioners have focused on “bike to the park”, but not “bike IN the park”. 25 year vision plan in progress (VanPlay) to be presented to the commissioners in April, but seems to be lacking in specifics on cycling. HUB is meeting with some of the new commissioners to bring them up to speed, on January 20th. PriceTags – planning series of articles about lack of attention to cycling by the Park Board. Stanley Park Cycling Plan – approved some time ago, but implementation has been delayed. Opportunity to align the two areas? 	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville St. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services. Test solar lights are improving, but still periodic outages. King Edward crossing: Suggest temporary improvements by putting in traffic signal changes. Upcoming meeting with the CoV in February. Long term plans do not include tunnels. 	

6. City Consultations (Jeff)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback. We will need people to attend open houses when

they occur.

- Jeff and other committee members have met with City of Vancouver recently and have several updates:
 - o Drake St: The City is planning to extend bike lanes on Drake St from Burrard to Richards St; HUB believes bike lane should be extended to Pacific Blvd. Once public consultations start, we will need support.
 - o Nanaimo and Richards Streets consultations closed.
 - o 10th Ave Bikeway (Trafalgar St to Victoria Dr): Health precinct part 1 completed. Area around Main St now traffic calmed. Improvements in the area from Commercial Dr to Victoria Dr are currently underway. Improvements from Trafalgar St to Burrard St are on the radar. Considering one way four block stretch around Arbutus Greenway with bidirectional protected bike lanes. All schools in the area are supportive of improvements here.
 - o There is currently confusion on the bylaws regarding cars stopping in bike lanes, but improvements are under discussion. HUB has sent in a letter of support for this change. Send photos of cars in bike lanes to Jeff (email address above).
 - o Richards Street Bikeway letter of support submitted to CoV.
 - o Pender Corridor assessment ride report submitted to CoV and response received.
 - o 14th Ave assessment ride report submitted to CoV and response received.
 - o Letter on ped/bike traffic signal at Arbutus and St and King Edward Ave submitted to CoV.
 - o Letter on 7th Ave Bikeway at Fir St to Granville St traffic calming submitted to CoV.
 - o Letter on Cassiar Overpass on Adanac, Powell Bypass and new NE False Creek road network sent to CoV, requesting HUB be involved as consultations and work progress.
 - o HUB reached out to the new councilors and is meeting with those that responded shortly. Our hope is that we can count on them to continue with cycling facilities and upgrades. Engineering staff is interested in meeting monthly given the number of projects, 3rd meeting scheduled.
 - o Public Consultations on Granville Bridge improvements for walking and cycling coming soon.

7. Communications (Jeff)

- Personalized letters sent to new Councilors, the Mayor and Park Board Commissioners
- Meetings scheduled with five Councilors plus some Park Board Commissioners
- Request from a HUB member for investigation of 20th Ave (Stainsbury to Oak St) as a new east-west bikeway. Should we be advocating for this? Possible assessment ride in the next few months?
- Railvolution transit conference coming to Vancouver September 8-11. There has been a request for hosting a cycling tour of local infrastructure including BC Parkway and transit connections. Interest expressed by meeting attendees in being involved with leading a tour. Let Jeff know if you are interested in volunteering!
- Request from a member to consider closures of Ontario near Nat Bailey during events.

8. 2019 annual Plan for our Local Committee (Jeff)

- Route Infrastructure Priorities for 2019
 - o Moving Forward at different rates: Gastown Complete Street, NE False Creek, Georgia Gateway, Arbutus Greenway, 1st Ave (Cambie to Ontario), Pender Corridor, 10th Ave, Richards St, off Broadway Bikeway, Granville Bridge.
 - o Not moving as quickly as we would like: SW Marine Dr, Stanley Park Causeway connections, Iron Workers Memorial Bridge connections, Nelson & Smithe, Robson, Main St.
 - o No apparent progress: Kent Ave, Commercial Dr, Seaside Greenway.
 - o Anything else? Kingsway? Pacific west of Thurlow suggested. Will be added to our gap priority list.
- Improving Committee Functioning (including welcoming new members)

- Relationship management (City, Park Board, TransLink, MOTI), especially considering newly elected officials.
- Events – need volunteers! Cherry Blossom Festival April 4th - 28th at QE Park, Bike to Shop rides.
- Working Groups:
 - o Assessment Rides
 - o Seaside Greenway
 - o Arbutus Greenway
 - o Other – new working group proposed on logistics for deliveries (last mile)- Sam

9. Board Update (Jeff)

- State of Cycling in Vancouver Project – Mapping and benchmarking report to assess the state of cycling in Metro Vancouver. 14 of 20 municipalities actively engaged to date, but all expected to support the initiative. Developing standard definitions for routes that all municipalities and Translink will use. Eg. Separated bike lane, multiuse pathway, painted bike lane, etc. Six types and three classes with requirements for widths, max number of vehicles, etc. Plan is for data to be open source.
- May be looking for volunteers to review some specific areas when auditing routes.

10. Active Transportation and Policy Council (Lisa)

- Citizen advisory council that advises City staff on active transportation issues. If you are interested, anyone is welcome to attend and be involved on sub committees. Minutes are posted online.
- Awaiting new council appointments, so ATPC is not functioning now.

11. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)

- No update this month.

12. Other Business:

- Concerns brought forward about safety of the northbound Burrard bike lane between Drake St and Pacific St, where the lane curves. Possible improvements include signage (slower riders keep right), lessening the curve. Jeff to bring to City’s attention during scheduled meeting in February. Crash reported by Paul.

13. A vote was held on future meeting locations. Support was expressed for both Creekside, and 312 Main St. A larger room was preferred due to the increased size of the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 20:15

20:15-20:45—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc

Next meeting: February 19th, 2019, location to be confirmed.