



Vancouver-UBC Committee  
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019  
18:30-20:00  
Creekside Community Centre

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Leslie (minutes), Philippe, Sam, Stan, Ron, Tim, Paul (CoV), Cail (CoV), Kay, Anthony, Aidan, Cael, Shaun, Brad, Eleni, Stuart, Dan, Kieran, David, Clark, Verena, Greg, Tassillie, +3

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.
2. Agenda: Approved
3. Minutes from February 2019 meeting: Approved

| Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting |               |  |
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| 1  | Everyone      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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. <b>Ongoing</b></li> </ul> |
| 2  | Clark         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schedule next assessment ride in East Vancouver.</li> </ul>   |
| 3  | Stan and Jeff | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet with City staff re next steps for Arbutus Greenway planning process. <b>Pending</b></li> </ul>   |
| 4  | Everyone      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you come across cars stopped in bike lanes, take photo(s) and send to Jeff.</li> </ul>   |

4. **Announcements** (see [bikehub.ca](http://bikehub.ca) – updated regularly and our wiki at <http://wiki.bikehub.ca>)
  - Cherry Blossom Festival – Big Picnic at Queen Elizabeth Park is Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 12-3. Looking for volunteers for a HUB Cycling table. Speak to Jeff if you can help. **Shaun, Tassillie and Leslie volunteered.**
  - HUB Bike to Shop Days will be June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The routes are still to be designed. We are looking for ride leaders; see Jeff if you are interested.
  - City is looking for volunteers for the City of Vancouver’s Transportation Advisory Committee: <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/transportation-advisory-committee.aspx>  
You can [Apply Here until April 12](#)

5. **Updates from Working Group Leads.**

- Contact Jeff ([Vancouver@bikehub.ca](mailto:Vancouver@bikehub.ca)) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

| ITEM                               | DISCUSSION  | ACTION                                      |
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| <b>Updates from Working Groups</b> |   |   |
| Assessment Rides (Jeff)            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul> | <b>Clark</b> schedule next ride in East Van |

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|                                  | <p>reports are used to educate municipal officials and provide them with recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Midtown Ridgeway report completed and submitted to City.</li> <li>• NE quadrant is the focus of the next ride.</li> <li>• SW Marine Drive: Kay has completed her own assessment ride and submitted 21 requests for improvements. Some have been completed, but eight remain outstanding. Lanes have not been cleaned recently either.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Seaside South (Anthony for Lisa) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• In the past, Park Board staff and Commissioners have focused on “bike to the park”, but not “bike IN the park”: “To, not Through” strategy. We have requested a Park Board motion clarifying this issue (Bikes to AND through).</li> <li>• Letter writing and public campaign being launched to encourage elected commissioners to acknowledge the deficiencies in VanPlay and to adopt To AND Through as a design principle. Media have been lined up as well.</li> </ul> |  |
| Arbutus Greenway (Stan)          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave at Granville St. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services.</li> <li>• Planning next steps for the working group.</li> <li>• Trying to arrange a meeting with the new city transportation engineer assigned to the Arbutus Greenway project.</li> <li>• Signals at King Edward and Arbutus Greenway are still an issue. Awaiting update on CoV investigation.</li> </ul>  | <b>Stan and Jeff</b> meet with City staff re next steps for Arbutus Greenway planning process. |
| Cycling Logistics (Sam)          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This working group is looking at promoting the adoption of cargo bikes for last km delivery services, focusing on enabling policies as well as infrastructure issues.</li> <li>• Next meeting is next week. See Sam if you are interested in joining this group.</li> </ul>  |  |
| East Van Greenway (Clark)        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City councilors asked for Greenway in East Vancouver: One idea is around Renfrew, from Burrard Inlet towards the Fraser River.</li> <li>• First meeting held; planning upcoming ride. Assessment ride in the near future to narrow down possible choices.</li> </ul>   | <b>Clark</b> schedule next assessment ride along in East Vancouver.                            |

## 6. Deep Dive Topic – Granville Bridge Connector (Paul Krueger, CoV)

- The City is commencing a three phase public engagement process for improved walking and cycling

facilities on the Granville Bridge.

- Background: In 2012 the Transportation 2040 plan was unanimously approved, including active transportation upgrades to all three False Creek Bridges.
- Granville is a bridge designed for a highway system that was never built; has significant capacity.
- Project Goals: looking for stakeholder input:
  1. Make walking, cycling and rolling safer, accessible and more comfortable
  2. Provide direct and convenient connections (including to the Arbutus Greenway!)
  3. Create an enjoyable experience for all users
  4. Accommodate motor vehicles – design for current traffic volumes; maintain travel time for transit; full access for emergency vehicles
  5. Achieve good value for money
  6. Design with the future in mind
- Went to council on January 30<sup>th</sup> – Council requested broader public engagement.
- Phase I: Establishing Goals and objectives
  - April 4: media launch
  - April 12, 13 and 16: Open Houses
  - April 25, 27, 30 Deep Dive Workshops
- Phase 2: Create design concepts and options (Summer)
- Phase 3: Detailed review of design options (Fall)
- Yearend decision by Council to allow work to proceed with seismic work currently underway.
- How can HUB help? Get the word out! Encourage participation in open houses and workshops. Advocate strategically.

## **7. 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.
  - o Nanaimo St: CoV is proceeding with painted lanes on outside of parked vehicles
  - o Drake Bikeway Project: Public engagement will be delayed to coincide with the first phase of the Granville Connector public engagement. Projects likely to be separate, but concurrent.
  - o BC Government Consultations launched on Clean BC, The BC Active Transportation Strategy, and the BC Active Transportation Design Guide.

## **8. Communications (Jeff)**

- Action Alert went out today to all Vancouver members of HUB Cycling.
- Meeting held with David Suzuki Foundation to consider areas of mutual interest; messaging, membership sharing opportunities.
- West Waterfront Road and the link under the Convention Centre - elevate on our concerns list.
- Clothesline wire at neck height found across CVG near Rupert – if you hear anything about this or similar incidents, please let us know! We want to get the information to police.
- Crash with cyclist injuries at 37<sup>th</sup> and Blenheim – will be raised with City Staff.
- Letter writer requested we advocate for less salting and brining because of environmental considerations. Discussed; more support for brining/salting than not. If someone is interested, please take it on!

## **9. Board Update (Jeff)**

- No update this month

## **10. Active Transportation and Policy Council (now Transportation Advisory Committee (Lisa)**

- The City has announced the creation of a Transportation Policy Council covering all modes, and are recruiting for members.

**11. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff)**

- No update this month.

**12. Other Business:**

- Celebrating Successes:
  - Detours during construction – to the existing standard, eg protected/separated. Observed along the Arbutus Greenway (12<sup>th</sup>) and on Hornby near Pacific
  - Permeable diversion being built at Heatley and Keefer
  - Powell Connector – MUP Clark to McLean now open
  - Roundabout at Stamps Landing under construction to complete Seaside Greenway protected paths
  - Cypress & First

Meeting adjourned at 20:00

20:00-20:30—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc

**Next meeting: April 16, 2019, location TBA**