

**Subject:** Changes to the HUB Cycling Regional Advisory Committee

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Dear All

In July we suspended broad Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings for the summer, while we planned out the future direction for RAC. We had a board meeting on the future of RAC over the summer, and have some interim changes to announce.

Firstly, we want to thank all those who have contributed to and participated in RAC meetings.

We remain committed to getting more people cycling more often. The following changes are intended to make our organization's work more effective and collaborative with local communities.

As a Board Committee, RAC has three priorities: Advocacy, Policy, and Local Committee Capacity Building. In support of that, we are implementing the following changes:

1. The Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will continue to meet at least monthly but will be reduced to HUB Board Members. As we have already documented in our current RAC Terms of Reference, the focus is on preparing policy recommendations on regional issues for Board consideration. This will include positions on things like new micro mobility devices such as electric scooters; updates to our e bike policy to match recent BC Government policy announcements; the upcoming BC Transportation 2050 public consultation process; the recent BC Active Transportation Strategy and BC Active Transportation Design Guide engagements; and so on. It will also include developing positions together with local committees on specific advocacy issues such as critical network gaps.
2. The RAC includes the Local Committee Working Group (LCWG), a group of Board members focused on strengthening and supporting Local Committees (LCs) via sharing of best practices, regular All Committee Meetings, and the production of best practice guides to assist in advocacy, especially for new LC members. RAC is assisted in this by Evan Hammer, who takes over for Andrew Picard as our Infrastructure and Policy manager on staff.
3. We recognize the benefits of having a forum to share infrastructure improvement info and ideas across LCs and the RAC. In years past, that was partially accomplished with an online discussion group (a Yahoo Group at the time) which has not been used much recently. We are considering the benefits of a relaunched online forum for this purpose, open to all LC members and others, to provide a place for these discussions. It is more likely to be a Google Group, with all interested being able to post questions, requests, ideas, and so on. More to follow in the coming months.
4. We have modified the [RAC@bikehub.ca](mailto:RAC@bikehub.ca) distribution list to reflect the new membership of RAC. You can reach all RAC board members at [RAC@bikehub.ca](mailto:RAC@bikehub.ca) Evan can be reached at [evan.hammer@bikehub.ca](mailto:evan.hammer@bikehub.ca). Nav and Evan both monitor [Action@bikehub.ca](mailto:Action@bikehub.ca) for advocacy issues.

There will be no September or subsequent RAC meetings for the full group, but we are planning our

next All Committee gathering, and will forward details in due course. If you have any questions on specifics in the meantime, please contact me, Nav ([navdeep@bikehub.ca](mailto:navdeep@bikehub.ca)), Evan ([evan.hammer@bikehub.ca](mailto:evan.hammer@bikehub.ca)) or [RAC@bikehub.ca](mailto:RAC@bikehub.ca)

Thanks

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