

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting July 9, 2015

In attendance: Colin Stein, Dave, Geoff, Peter, Ivan, Ely Apeldoorn, Martin Helmus, Jasper DesRoches, Jackie

Guests: Bob D'Eith (federal NDP candidate),

Regrets:

Notes

- Bob D'Eith, federal NDP candidate, introduced himself to the committee. Talked about the need for national cycling strategy and funding and a variety of other issues.

Upcoming events:

- Sept. 6: Bike to Farms ride (Jackie): Jackie will meet soon with Kim Lauzon to get things rolling.
- Sept. 19: GETI Fest (Jackie). Nothing new. No reply yet from Caps as to whether or not they will attend with some of their vintage bikes.

Past events:

- Sat. June 6: Bike Tune-up Workshop (Dave, Jackie). Went well. Volunteers Dave Rush, Chris Barber and Adrian and Romah Geluk had a pretty steady flow of bikes and their owners to teach some bike mechanics. We'll do this again next year.
- Sat. June 6: Pitt Meadows Day (ATAC Pitt Meadows - Peter). The ATAC committee had a great turnout with 55 parked bikes. Pitt Meadows Cycle offered prizes again.

Other:

- UnGaptheMap: Colin asked the committee to get started with this and would like to see it completed by Labour Day. Dave, Jackie, and possibly Ivan, Martin and Jasper will get together at the library on Tues. July 14 to start the work on this. Barry will also try to be there. Peter is available after end of July to help out. Jackie to send e-mail, also to other committee members.
- Meadow Ridge Bike Emergency Response Team (MRBERT): had a meeting on Wed. July 8. There won't be enough time to organize the event in the fall, so we decided to work on 1) Event planning (for 2016), 2) training development, 3) website development (city won't be able to host it, but will provide a link), 4) recruitment. Those who have volunteered have been asked to indicate what they would like to help out with. Next meeting will likely be at the end of August/early Sept.
- The danger of bi-directional paths on one side of the road (203rd, 240th, 128th). Jackie mentioned her e-mail exchange with Kay Teschke, who pointed out that research has shown that bi-directional paths are eight times more dangerous when cycling in the "wrong" direction, as drivers tend to not look for cyclists from that direction. According to Kay Teschke, studies have shown that raised crossings can

help improve safety for cyclists significantly. The City has several of these paths planned (128th, 203rd, 240th). The information received from Kay Teschke has been passed on to the Engineering Department. Jeff Boehmer asked for further input from other committee members.

- Meeting with Coun. Kiersten Duncan (re 123 Ave. development and whatever other issues we want to bring up). Jackie to arrange meeting and ask committee members if available/interested to attend.
- Plan for presentation and meetings/rides with Council members/staff. Once we've completed our UnGaptheMap exercise, it's time for a presentation to Council (Sept.?). That will also be a good opportunity to invite the new council members for a ride to experience the gaps in our network.
- Bike the Dike with Ike: an appreciation event for Ike de Boer, municipal engineer at the City of Pitt Meadows, who will be retiring in October. Peter will talk to Coun. Tracy Miyashita to start planning.
- Purchase of helmet cam (Barry, Tracey). Annual allowance: still remaining \$271.08 from 2014/15 allowance after Earth Day expenses including Dave's. Jackie to ask Barry to purchase helmet cam.