

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting Nov. 14, 2013 - NOTES

In attendance: Peter Jongbloed, Dave Rush, Geoff Hancock, Ivan Chow, Jackie Chow
Regrets: Tracey Eide, Alex Pope

Upcoming events:

- New date for Earth Day 2014: April 26, 10 am – 2 pm. Theme: Food.
We're doing another Cycle Recycle. Committee members to drop by the Recycle Depot whenever convenient to check for suitable bikes. Jackie to find out from Leanne Koehn at the Recycle Depot who to talk to.
Dave R. suggested to get the e-mails of the recipients of the bikes and follow up with them after 6 months.
- Slow Food Cycle Tour MR/PM:
Dave R. has offered to lead the ride. Pitt Meadows may be better area than Maple Ridge because of safer routes. Need to find destinations. Suggestions: Pitt Meadows Meats on Ford Road, Dr. Bee.
Jackie to ask Kim Lauzon to arrange meeting with Tourism MR/PM.
- Dave suggested to do an annual ride across the bridges (Pitt River Bridge, Port Mann Bridge and Golden Ears Bridge), to be organized jointly with Surrey and Tri-Cities Committees if there's interest.

Other:

- Transportation Plan Update was on the Council Matrix for Council Workshop on Mon. Nov. 18. Has apparently been postponed, since it's not on the agenda.
Jackie's waiting to hear about new date from Engineering.
- Everyone to review new Committee Handbook at home:
https://bikehub.ca/sites/default/files/new_local_committee_handbook.pdf
- It was agreed not to submit a list of volunteer positions for our committee for the volunteer call-out early 2014, since it's hard enough just to get new people to attend our meetings. Instead our Committee prefers just to welcome anyone who is interested to drop by and attend our meetings and assess their level of interest before encouraging them to get more involved.
- 2013 Trails Map:
 - Jackie met with Dianne Stoesz, President of the Haney Horsemen on Oct. 25. The "Trailboss", Bill Archibald, couldn't make it to the meeting. Bill's been instrumental in developing the horse trail network in Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows since the 60s. He's now in his 80s, but still involved. The HH feel that there's lots of pressure from development and increased car traffic, so they're seeing some loss of trails (also to other users), and increased danger on the roads. Since 2011 the HH no longer have a fee for service agreement with the District to do trail building and maintenance, and they feel they're losing their influence. Now that the new map shows the horse trails as multi-purpose trails, Dianne felt it might a good idea to do more education for the

different users to share the trails safely, perhaps through a joint event in the Spring 2014 (she suggested a horse/bike/walk/run relay).

- Geoff and Jackie met on Nov. 5 with Dave Boag (Dir. Parks & Facilities), Geoff Mallory (Mgr. Parks & Open Space) and Danielle Pope (Mgr. Business Operations). We went through our list of suggestions/recommendations. The dangerous section of 128 Ave./210 St. will be removed as trail from the on-line map. The next trail map won't be out until 2016. When asked about progress with the Experience the Fraser project in Maple Ridge, Dave Boag answered that nothing is happening right now. There hasn't been any announcement of new money since last year. He said the Province feels that Metro Vancouver should not be doing this project (which is probably why no more money is forthcoming).
- Development application for 3 towers at Brown Ave. and Edge Street: 3 towers, to be built over a period of 15 (?) years or more. Has 4 levels of parking (2 above ground), commercial, and 240 apartments. One parking exit is on Brown Ave., which is part of the 121 Bike Route. Jackie suggested to Council to make bike lanes part of the development requirements and to consider not having a parking exit on Brown Ave.
- Motion Coun. Hogarth re enforcement helmet and lights infractions, Council mtg Nov. 12: Coun. Hogarth and Morden both strongly in favour of enforcement. Hogarth felt there's sufficient proof that helmet law is effective. Coun. Masse actually did research and concluded that jury is still out as to whether that's the case. Motion referred to Social Planning Advisory Committee and RCMP. Both Coun. Hogarth and Coun. Morden want to have a review of the Highways and Traffic by-law regarding cycling on the sidewalk.
- Bike to School update
Alex informed Jackie that the request for funding for a Bike to School program for Maple Ridge Elementary is on the agenda for the BAC meeting on Nov. 18.
Geoff suggested to contact Rotary Club for funding.
- Pitt Meadows' Active Transportation Committee needs more community-at-large members. Peter applied. Jackie to ask HUB for list of members in Pitt Meadows to contact.
- X-mas social: Jackie will send out invitation to HUB committee members for a gathering at Ivan and Jackie's home (Thu. Dec. 12, or Sat. Dec. 14?).