

2012-031-RZ, 11055 Hazelwood Street, trails and traffic circle

Public Hearing July 21

(development proposal for industrial/commercial between Lower Hammond and Golden Ears Way

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Sent to: Mayor and Council Maple Ridge

cc: Chuck Goddard,

Mayor and Council,

Our HUB committee would appreciate to be informed of the details of the above development application with regard to the planned multi-use trails.

Several years ago, the staff liaison to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, Russ Carmichael, initiated a plan for multi-use trails connecting Lower Hammond to Pitt Meadows to the west and the business park to the north. The trails were to provide important recreational as well as utilitarian pedestrian and cycling connections to both. An aerial photo provided by Mr. Carmichael at the time, showing the proposed trails, is attached.

It looks like the plans have changed with this development proposal on the table. I understand that there was a consultation process for local residents, however HUB was not included in this process. Connectivity for cyclists between Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows has been poor until now, and the original plan was supposed to make significant improvements.

We would like to know what the plans are to ensure convenient and safe connectivity for cyclists, both to 113B and Wharf Street as well as the off-road trails south of the Airport Way and west of Golden Ears Way. If the connecting trails to the latter are presently not included in the plans, we propose to make the rezoning conditional upon inclusion of those trails.

There are some concerns as well about safety for cyclists at the planned traffic circle at Kingston and 113B Ave., as traffic circles tend to be tricky for cyclists to navigate. This traffic circle will see a significant amount of traffic, including truck traffic. We would like to see a design that ensures safety for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Kind regards,

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