

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Meeting Minutes

Oct 10/19

Maple Ridge Library

Attendees: Barry Bellamy, Michael Nelson, Ivan Chow, Jackie Chow

Agenda approved.

3. Approval of Agenda-request for additions

4. Old Business

4.1 ATTAC-PM / ATAC-MR

ATTAC-PM - no report.

ATAC-MR - Jackie attended meeting.

Coun. Yousef discussed restructuring of municipal advisory committees. The Active Transportation Advisory Committee is now a Transportation Advisory Committee, with a mandate to discuss broader transportation issues. Plan is to cut membership of most committees drastically. The Transportation Advisory Committee will go from 11 members to 7 and will no longer have cycling representation once Jenny's term is up, and a member-at-large position will be added. The rationale was that attendance by some members was poor (Jackie commented that cycling member's attendance had been near perfect: 10 of 11 meetings since ATAC's inception had been attended at the time the review was done). Council believes that committees will be more effective with reduced membership.

Staff liaison Purvez Irani asked committee to discuss Business Plan, which was due the week prior to the meeting. Coun. Yousef suggested the committee investigate his proposal for "water-going transportation" for commuters. His expectation is that ferries, each carrying 27 commuters to communities along the Fraser, would be a great way to take cars off the road. His idea is already being looked at by TransLink/Metro Vancouver.

4.3 Summer Rides

-Sept 15 east MR ride

Getting participants to sign waivers through Eventbrite worked well.

Discussion about how to deal with cancelations or no-shows. There were several no-shows for this ride due to inclement weather, but volunteers still need to show up if people don't cancel. We'll have to emphasize to participants that it is a requirement to let us know in a timely manner if they decide not to participate. We can also consider to cancel rides ourselves if it looks like the weather is going to be miserable. Michael can easily communicate with participants through Eventbrite.

4.4 GETI-Fest Cycle Recycle

We gave away 13 bikes. It mostly went quite smoothly.

The name of one winner was drawn a second time. He then asked if he could swap the first bike for the second bike. We allowed him to do that, which meant we had to go back and draw another name for the first bike. Someone commented on this afterwards. He felt it was not fair. People who might have been waiting for the first bike could have left and wouldn't be present anymore by the time the second name is drawn. We'll have to more clearly rewrite the rules: once a name is drawn, any second draw of the same name is invalid. This should avoid problems in future.

4.5 Cycling on sidewalk

Issue was discussed by council during Workshop on Oct. 1. The outcome comes down to a city-wide ban of bikes on sidewalks. City staff has said they won't be targeting moms and kids, seniors and others with mobility issues. RCMP has not been consulted.

5. New Business

5.1 Oct 22 Public Hearing: HUB committee presentation

Barry will be presenting to council at Public Hearing Oct. 22 on the mega-SwissReal development downtown between Brown and Dewdney, west of 224 Street. There will be three rounds of 5 minutes each for speakers, so if needed we can break it up in more than one turn.

Discussed points to bring up. Barry will be working on presentation during Thanksgiving weekend, Jackie and Ivan to prepare slides.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.