

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting Nov. 13, 2014

In attendance: Alex, Barry, Geoff, Ivan, Jackie

Regrets: Dave, Peter, Tracey

Agenda

Past events:

- Oct. 11: Ride Cranberry Festival Fort Langley: canceled due to pouring rain.

Upcoming events:

- April 18, 10 - 2: Earth Day 2015. Theme: "Water, water everywhere". We had a discussion about how HUB could fit in with this theme. Geoff suggested to look at emergency preparedness (e.g. transportation by bike in case of floods, drinking water transportation, etc.). Vancouver, New Westminster and Victoria have trained cyclists to provide emergency services. Geoff is involved in the Maple Ridge Emergency Preparedness organization, and suggested contacting the new co-ordinator, Patrick Cullen (pcullen@mapleridge.ca) to see if we can do something for Earth Day (booth with info, sign-up?).

Action: Jackie to send e-mail to Patrick Cullen.

Art designer Cindy Farnsworth is working on the art work for a Cycle Recycle sign for us, which will be donated to us as one of the Earth Day organizing groups by SpeedPro Signs.

Other:

- Meeting on Nov. 3 at 132nd Recreational Roadway with Michael Eng (Engineering) and Walter Oleschak (Roads Superintendent), arranged by Kevin Priebe and Dave. Jackie joined. The City will remove a pole to improve access to the trail at the 232nd St. intersection. They will also take a look if something can be done to widen a narrow stretch of the trail close to the entrance that's close to a rather steep ditch. Might be difficult to do because of a culvert. As to the surface of the path, the City will try adding some finer gravel (?) and compact it to improve it.
- Jackie's ordeal: Was bullied by a Maple Ridge Towing tow truck driver on Lougheed in the Town Core, and after she filed a complaint, she was told by Sgt. Bruce McCowan that the driver had merely "asked her to move over", and if she wished to pursue this further, she could be charged with riding in the middle of the lane as well as obstructing traffic. She's working on a letter to Sgt. McCowan.
- Dave and Heather have offered to host our annual X-mas gathering on Dec. 7, 6 - 10 pm. Yay!
- HUB MR/PM priorities for 2015: Alex sent Jackie the BAC Business Plan 2013 - 2017, which she will forward to Committee members. To discuss at our January 2015 meeting.