



**Vancouver-UBC Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, Feb 21, 2017
18:30-20:00
HUB Office
1-828 West 8th Ave

Attendees: Jeff (Chair), Leslie (minutes), Bob, Anthony, Nathan, Jesse, Eric, Lisa, Jeff (Strathcona Residents Association), Suzanne, Dan, Gary, Dasha, Tracy, Tim, Laura, Clark, Mike, Stuart.

1. Introductions and welcome to new members.
2. Agenda: No additions.
3. Minutes from January 2017 meeting: Approved with replacement of 'HUB criteria' with 'criteria similar to HUB's' under ATPC: Working on top 10 new bike routes that the City should consider.

Key Action Items outstanding from January meeting		
1	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, bike thefts. Also, make sure to report infrastructure issues to 311 to have them addressed by the City. Ongoing
2	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Think about which of the prioritized Infrastructure Improvements you might be willing to work on (without help we likely can't move forward with it). These are listed on our Committee web page, and were briefly discussed this evening. Ongoing
3	<i>Jeff and Tim</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete Main St. assessment ride report. Ongoing
4	<i>Jeff</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NW Marine Dr. assessment ride tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 19th. Email Jeff if you would like to attend.
5	<i>Stan</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arbutus Greenway assessment ride scheduled for Sunday, March 5th at 2 pm. Meet at Fir and 5th.
6	<i>Everyone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Write letters of support for cycling infrastructure at and near the new Arbutus Hub of the Millennium line. (See below.)

4. Announcements (see bikehub.ca – updated regularly)
 - If you are interested in helping out with any of the items listed below, please contact Jeff at vancouver@bikehub.ca
 - Please see the updated committee webpage: <https://bikehub.ca/van-ubc> for key information on our committee, and a link to our committee wiki that has previous minutes and other documents.
 - Ungap the Map campaign: Call for extras on bikes for Saturday, Feb 25th for campaign video. Meet at the Central Valley Greenway (CVG): Broadway and Victoria Dr.
 - HUB has just signed a LOI to move offices to the old Vancouver Police building at Main and Hastings. The move will likely occur in July, subject to completion of construction.
 - Saturday, Feb 25th, is the "Crow" ride. Meet at Broadway and Victoria around dusk to ride to Still Creek. See: "Twilight Crow Bike Ride" on Facebook.
 - Vancouver Bike Show, March 4th & 5th at the Convention Centre; HUB has a booth!

5. Updates from Working Group Leads.

- Contact Jeff if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). • Next ride: Arbutus Greenway (see below), and NW Marine Drive, tentatively scheduled for March 19th. • Powell St. is next on the schedule. (Changes to Powell St are on the City's agenda.) 	Jeff to schedule ride for NW Marine on March 19th. Email Jeff if you would like to participate.
Seaside South (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope is the Seawall from Olympic Village through to the improved Seaside Greenway along Pt Grey Rd. Currently focusing on the section from Burrard Bridge, around Vanier Park, through Haddon Park, Kits Beach Park to Trafalgar. • Construction underway around Sutcliffe Park near Granville Island. • Signage indicating "no cycling" on official bike route near Kits Beach, has been removed by the Parks Board. • Launching campaign as HUB is having difficulty connecting with the Parks Board. • See www.vancouver.ca/seawall for more information. 	
Arbutus Greenway (Jeff for Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former railway line from the Fraser River through to 1st Ave at Granville Island. Easy grade through some very scenic areas with easy access to shops and services. • Temporary paved path now mostly completed. Some intersections still messy. • Recent consultations were more of a visioning exercise. Lots of stakeholders! • Assessment ride: Sunday, March 5th at 2 pm. 	Stan to host assessment ride on March 5th at 2 pm, meet at Fir and 5th. Email to arbutus-greenway-working-group@googlegroups.com to confirm and be on update list in case of cancellation

6. City Consultations (Jeff)

- See the email attachment or meeting handout for a list of current consultations, links to more information, and opportunities to submit feedback.
- Highlights:
 - The Transportation and Parking Stakeholder Group for the Grandview Woodland Community Plan has been adopted (first initiative under this plan is the Complete Street project on Commercial Drive.) The City is working on the potential designs; public consultations will be over the next few months.
 - 10th Ave Bike Route – The design will go to City Council in March. Issue has been loss of on-street parking in the Hospital district. Vancouver Coastal Health has agreed to build a new parking lot to offset this, with assistance from the City.
 - Union Adanac Bikeway Improvements – busiest east/west connector in the City. People felt strongly that Adanac needed improvement during consultations. Slope from Heatley St. down to the cul-de-sac with the chicane – high bicycle traffic area; possibly over capacity, and there is an issue with some cyclists speeding through the chicane and conflicting with pedestrians near Union Market. How do we get the bikes to slow down, as they head east down the hill, and the pedestrians to be more aware? New arterial further south

may take some of the traffic. Multiple speed bumps? Remove vehicle parking? Direct the VPD targeted enforcement team to that area? Possible large roundabout? More discussion at 20:00.

- False Creek Flats Planning – Area bounded by Main St. / Clark Dr. / Venables St. / Great Northern Way. (There will be a Central Valley Greenway (CVG) connection, bike/ped bridges in the longer term, new arterial in the shorter term.) This area currently has a very low bike commuting percentage. Neighbourhood plan will go to City Council this spring.
- NE False Creek Neighbourhood planning – New neighbourhood spurred by removal of the viaducts. HUB has been involved in all planning meetings. Has huge potential to increase cycling in this area. “Active bridge” for bikes and pedestrians leading downtown to Dunsmuir.
- Transportation 2040 Stakeholder Update Meetings – held monthly. Broadway subway design team now involved and the Transfer point will be at Arbutus St. HUB is asking for improved cycling infrastructure leading to and at this transfer point. *Action: Write letters indicating your support for the cycling infrastructure upgrade to the City.*

See: <http://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/ubc-line-rapid-transit-study.aspx>

Anyone interested in leading a working group??

- Stanley Park Cycling Improvements - Improvements approved and funded in 2012, and the Parks Board is working ahead slowly on implementing changes. Poor connections at the south end of the separated lanes on the causeway are very problematic, and are not being addressed by Park Board.

7. Bike Share Working Group (Jeff) See: <http://vancouverbikeshare.ca>

8. Communications (Jeff) Jeff was interviewed on Roundhouse Radio.

9. Board Update: No updates this month.

10. Local Committee Planning: Reviewed updated current priorities and initiatives for 2017. (See attached list.)

11. Active Transportation and Policy Council (ATPC) (Lisa)

- Citizen advisory council that reports to City staff. If you are interested, anyone is welcome to attend and be involved on sub committees.
- Current issues: snow and ice removal; active transportation enabling plan (promoting events – increase in budget); Tenth Ave Bike route; Main St corridor – requested city for cohesive report on various projects in the area.
- Projects subcommittee: looking at using an algorithm; “Scientific way” to come up with next list of ten routes for the City to work on.

12. Regional Advisory Committee (Jeff) No updates this month.

13. Other Business:

- Robson Square and Jim Deva Plaza: both now have better bicycle permeability; no longer just pedestrian zones.

Meeting adjourned at 20:02.

8:00-8:30—Working Group small group connections and individual conversations etc

Next meeting: 21 March 2017.