

MINUTES - Delta HUB Committee Meeting

Thursday Feb. 2, 2017, 7:00pm

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Patrick (Chair), Richard, Phil, Roel, Lydia, Anton, Carlene, Bill

2. **MINUTES:** Minutes from Jan. 5th meeting were approved.

3. DISCUSSION TOPIC: Wayfinding and Signage

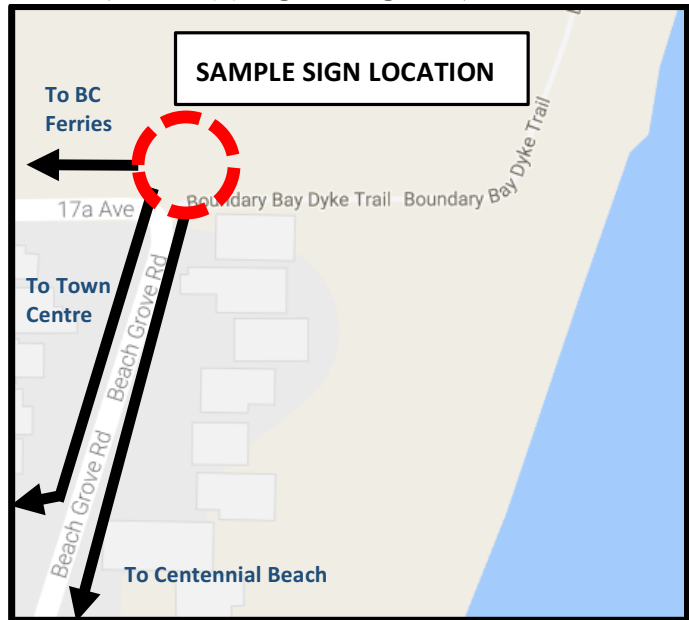
- Anton introduced the topic of wayfinding/signage, and its goal to improve navigation, enhance safety and raise awareness for the benefit of a range of stakeholders (including local/regional cyclists, government, and business improvement areas).
- The report will also identify some strategic locations for new or improved signage – both immediately and phased over time.
- There are many amenities in Delta that can be accessed by bike, and wayfinding can help to make the journey more certain. The town centres, employment areas, the ferry terminal, Centennial Beach, and, eventually, the George Massey Bridge, are all key places to potentially connect by means of simple, informed signage.
- The plan is to showcase 3 examples in the Report (in North Delta, Ladner, Tsawwassen).
- In addition, an Appendix will include spots where members have identified a need for new or better signage (including suggestions from the Spot Improvement List).
- Some sample locations identified at the meeting included:
 - o Getting to the Arthur Fraser Bridge from the Planet Ice area of North Delta.
 - o Travel route between Boundary Bay dike and 52 St is circuitous, and informal (behind McDonalds); the route is not obvious for visitors.
 - o Access to/from trails in North Delta along rail road track (north to Burns Bog or south to Surrey Greenway); it is not clear where to best access the trails, or where to exit once you are on them.
 - o On Burns Drive (near Delta View), there are signs about cameras in use, suggesting no-access; cyclists familiar with the area appear to travel the route.
 - o No signs on the Boundary Bay dike to inform visitors about the nearby restaurant at Boundary Bay Airport.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to seek input from members where signage/wayfinding could be improved. **Please email any specific Delta/TFN locations to delta@bikehub.ca. Suggestions from community members will also be solicited via Facebook.

4. **NEW ITEMS:** New topics for discussion by Delta HUB members.

GUEST: Lydia Elder, Tsawwassen Business Improvement Association (TBIA)

- Lydia is the Executive Director of the TBIA. She described the TBIA's work, and the possibility of collaborating with Delta HUB & others on a legacy project involving signage.
- A legacy project is something practical that the TBIA could implement with partners that could be an enduring asset to the community. Past legacy projects by the TBIA included a beautification initiative in 2016 at the Recycling Depot (on 12 Ave in Tsawwassen), which involved partnering with property owners and a local non-profit.

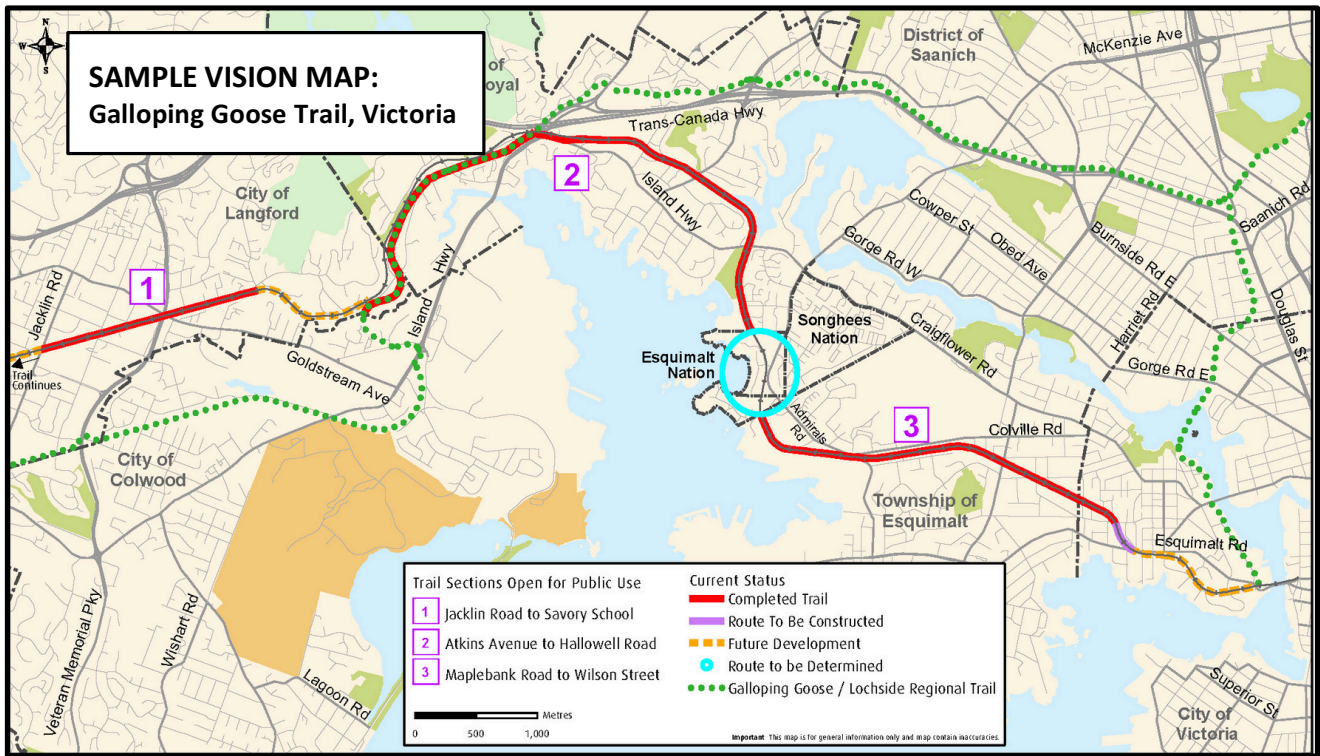
- The TBIA is aware that many people visit Tsawwassen – particularly for biking and birding. They would like to make certain that these visitors know where – and how – to get to Tsawwassen’s main service destinations (for shopping, eating, etc.).
- One previously identified location is the end of the Boundary Bay dike trail at 17A Ave in Tsawwassen; there is currently no directional signage there. This is a key “fork” in the road for many travelers – including families – who could benefit from signage indicating the suggested route and distance to:
 - o Centennial Beach (south)
 - o Tsawwassen town centre (southwest along 12th).
 - o the BC Ferries Terminal (west)



- The annual Tour de Delta is a high-profile local event that could be leveraged to attract new and repeat visits. To engage visitors, a suggestion was made to organize “pre-race” rides of the actual racing tracks by interested cyclists, to allow them to connect more closely with the cycling event.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to help identify location(s) where a signage/wayfinding project might be initiated with the TBIA and other community partners.

Cycling “Vision” map for Delta

- As a new project, it was suggested that Delta HUB might develop on a “Vision” map which highlights the Committee’s long-term goal of a contiguous cycling route for the municipality and TFN.
- Over the past two years, Delta HUB has been in discussions with a range of parties responsible for key components of an overall network (including Delta, TFN, MoTI, Metro Vancouver, BC Ferries, etc.); other parties could include private landowners and utilities (i.e. BC Hydro regarding their right-of-way trail behind Imperial Village in Tsawwassen).
- The Vision could include areas that are under development – such as the Tsawwassen Springs/TFN route on the south side of Hwy 17 – along with key “gaps” that require resolution with partners (i.e. crossing the railroad tracks at Deltaport Way).
- Through outreach, other community partners could become involved in the evolution of specific trail components (for instance, the Rotary Club of Tsawwassen; TransCanada Trails, etc.), similar to the gradual evolution of the Galloping Goose trail in Victoria.
- As a reference point, an early map of the Galloping Goose trail was shared with the Committee (*below*), which categorized network routes as: "Completed trail", "Route to be constructed", "Future development" and "Route to be determined"; a similar map could be generated for Delta, based on the information that the Committee has collected on existing and planned routes as well as network gaps.



IDEA: Bridge across ditch from 34 St (TFN) to Brunswick Point dike trail.

- It was suggested that a new access point be built to connect the south end of the Brunswick Point breakwater path to the farm road (34 St) on TFN land.
- The trail comes to a dead-end at the Deltaport railway tracks (which are prohibited from being crossed); presently, cyclists must backtrack, which discourages active use.
- This idea was raised earlier by Delta HUB, as a possible interim solution for creating a safe, contiguous trail from the TFN breakwater path on the south. At the time, a suggestion was to add a pontoon bridge, similar to the blue bridge that exists on the breakwater path close to the Ferries causeway (pictured below, with the earlier mock-up).



PLAY Delta

- Carlene provided an update on the new “PLAY Delta” physical literacy initiative that she is coordinating, alongside stakeholders from Sports BC, the School District, Fraser Health and other health, sport or activity groups in Delta (including Delta HUB).
- The goal is to raise awareness about the benefits of active play, and playing outside, for all ages. A central focus is on children and family-oriented activities (and choices), and how can we promote them within the sectors of the community.
- The next PLAY Delta meeting will be at Delta Gymnastics on Feb. 15th (6:30pm)

5. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

Safety/Routes

Delta HUB Priority List

- Delta Engineering has provided Delta HUB with an annotated Delta Routes Map which tracks items from the Committee’s detailed Spot Improvement List. The map categorizes suggested improvements by whether they are a short or long-term fix (red/blue).
- The Map will be forwarded to the Safety/Routes subcommittee for review and feedback.
- The Priority List was considered by Delta Council and staff at the 2016 Business and Capital Plan workshop last December. A summary of the workshop is available online: <https://delta.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/164077?preview=164120>
- **Action:** Patrick to share Delta’s annotated map with the Safety/Routes subcommittee.

Spot Improvement List (Provincial jurisdiction items)

- In late 2016, Delta HUB provided our MoTI contacts with a shorter version of the Spot Improvement List which identified Provincial-jurisdiction fixes.
- Delta HUB contacted MoTI about a future meeting to review the items. MoTI suggested that a meeting with the new Area Supervisor (Anna Kosmala) would be appropriate – to prioritize the items and potentially seek funding to carry out improvements.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to liaise with MoTI about a future meeting (March).

Local/Regional Infrastructure

UnGap the Map (HUB)

- In advance of HUB’s next “UnGap the Map” workshop with all the Local Committees (Feb. 15th), Delta HUB updated the Delta-related routes; the last update was done in 2014.
- New items included key gaps noted in Delta HUB’s December 2016 Priority List.
- HUB has funding to move forward with this project, with additional advocacy to support additional Provincial funding, as well as strategic planning/coordination.
- **Action:** To identify any additional “gaps” in North Delta, Delta HUB will conduct some additional outreach (via Facebook, Team Coastal, and other contacts).

GMTR George Massey Tunnel Replacement (Jan 10th Cycling Working Group meeting)

- The Working Group has been looking more closely at the connections to the new bridge facility on both sides of the Fraser River. This has included exploring possible corridor improvements for cycling infrastructure along the relevant highway right-of-way.
- On the Delta side, the corridor includes three new interchanges, each of which present an opportunity for improved cycling connectivity (Hwy 17A, Hwy 10/96 St, Hwy 91).
- The recent dialogue has been encouraging, signaling a willingness to explore how the GMTR project corridor/scope might be leveraged to improve connections to cycling

routes and destinations (including Burns Drive, Hornby Drive, River Road, 64 St, and the Boundary Bay dike).

- **Next Steps:** Working Group members (GMTR, MoTI, Richmond, Delta, HUB) are aiming to collectively agree on the best route option, followed by a joint recommendation.

Education/Engagement

South Delta Bike Repair Options & Ideas (Resource Document)

- An updated listing is now complete, and will be shared with Delta HUB members. The document will also be made available to community members on Facebook.
- It is a living document, and new resources will be added on an ongoing basis (as an example, it was suggested that the Run Inn in Tsawwassen might consider adding bike repairs to replace the gap left by the nearby Delta Bike Company; *to be confirmed*).
- The Committee continues to receive suggestions for bike sharing or rental ideas (including the idea for a “free” bike share using donated bikes – painted in a uniform colour – as was done at UBC and the Sunshine Coast, with varying degrees of success).

Engagement with MP Carla Qualtrough (Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities)

- Four Delta HUB members participated in the Minister’s Jan. 7th Open House in Ladner. It was a good opportunity to re-introduce the Committee’s work to Delta’s MP.
- **Next Steps:** It was suggested that Delta HUB make an appointment with the MP’s constituency office to discuss specific ideas (i.e. a regional cycling vision, and ways in which we can support the MP’s Sport mandate).

Delta District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC)

- Following-up on a suggestion from the Delta School District (Green Committee), Delta HUB has sent an introductory email to the Delta DPAC Chair (Principal Keith Punshon).
- The goal is to arrange a Delta HUB delegation – to describe our Committee’s work and learn how we might support the PACs, parents and principals of specific schools in Delta; we will also engage the DPAC about the current "Safe Routes to School" maps.

6. OTHER ITEMS:

TransLink Southwest Area Transport Plan (SWATP)

- The engagement timeline for TransLink’s proposed spring consultation has been modified. After meeting with the SWATP leadership council, it was decided that the consultation will happen after the May 9th election.
- The next SWATP advisory committee meeting will be in late Feb/March, and an update will be provided at a future Delta HUB meeting.

***Next Delta HUB meeting:** Thursday: March 2nd, 2017 (7pm at Tsawwassen Library)

GUEST SPEAKER: Delta Councillor Heather King