

## HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting May 15, 2014 - notes

In attendance: John McKenzie, Matt Laforest, Geoff, Ivan, Peter, Jackie

Regrets: Barry

### Agenda

Past events:

- ≡ Sat. April 26, 10 am – 2 pm: Earth Day Cycle Recycle. Event was quite successful. Dave, Barry, Geoff, Ivan and Jackie volunteered for this event, and Carol Hogan (from our e-mail list) helped out as well. We were given a new location this time, at the Amphitheatre between the ACT and the Bandstand. Worked really well, since people had to walk right through our set-up to get to other booths, so we had great visibility. Lots of entries for the draw, and we found new owners for all 14 bikes we had to give away. We added another 40 people or so to our e-mail list from this event (a few of them unsubscribed in the meantime).
- ≡ May 3: garden party info meeting Communities in Bloom: showcasing HUB. We actually forgot to discuss this at the meeting. Ivan and Jackie went to a garden party organized by Cyndy Johnson-McCormick and Charlotte Mitchell, the co-chairs of BC Communities in Bloom Maple Ridge. See website: <http://bccommunitiesinbloom.ca/>. It's basically a friendly competition between participating communities in BC, which get rated in various categories (tidiness, environmental action, community involvement, heritage conservation, urban forestry, landscape, floral displays, turf and groundcovers). The organizers would like to highlight HUB in one of these categories (environmental action/community involvement?). Jackie sent an e-mail, listing all activities that HUB has been involved in last year and the upcoming activities so far planned for this year, which will be used for their "profile binder".
- ≡ May 10, 10 am – 2 pm: Spring Bike Tune-up Workshop. Went quite well. Joan Noel and Chris Barber were volunteers for the morning shift, which was fairly busy, despite the drizzle. Afternoon was very quiet. Malcolm Lissone volunteered for the afternoon, and Chris stayed a bit longer as well. Miles Coleman and daughter Chantelle manned the HUB booth. Of the 25 market shopping coupons we received from the Haney Farmers Market, we handed out 18 to cyclists (and volunteers), so we still have 7 left for a future event.
- ≡ May 11, 10 am: Art Studio Bike Tour. Great cycling weather, and a very nice ride with interesting art studios along the way. Got some great feedback. Despite more widespread advertising for this ride than usual, participation was very disappointing though; only 8 people, and 4 of them were from our group. We will try again next year.

Upcoming events:

- ≡ Mon. May 26 (during BTWW): Bike Day in Canada (Canada Bikes): according to Board meeting minutes there was a discussion re rides with local Councils to be organized by local committees. Jackie sent "save-the-date"-e-mail to MR Council 19/4, but there was no "official" request from the office to get this organized. Jackie to plan.

- ≡ Bike to Work Week May 26 – June 1, 2014; Peter will distribute posters in Pitt Meadows, Jackie in Maple Ridge. Jackie will also send out the usual e-copies and advertise through Mailchimp list, blog, facebook, twitter, GETI website, etc.
- ≡ June 7: Pitt Meadows Day at Harris Road Park. PM ATAC Committee will provide free bike parking noon – 5 pm. Rob Laluk of Pitt Meadows Cycle has offered 5 free bike tune-ups for a draw for those who park their bikes at the bike parking. Jackie to advertise. (parade at 11 am)
- ≡ Aug/Sept.?: Bike to Farms ride Maple Ridge. Jackie still waiting to find out from Kim of GE Community Co-op if suggested farms (Red Barn, Brookfield Farm) interested in participating. Lorea, from “Lorea’s vegetable garden” already said yes.
- ≡ Sept. 20: GETI Fest. Jackie sent e-mail to Cit-e-Bikes in Surrey to ask if they’re willing to be at GETI Fest. No reply yet.

Other:

- ≡ Meeting with Councillors Corisa Bell, Bob Masse: Jackie will try to arrange meeting with them (with Ivan).
- ≡ HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows social media. Jackie suggested to change facebook page name to something like HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows (and remove “committee”). Will contact Alex, also to be added as administrator. Jackie will set up HUB MR/PM twitter page as well.
- ≡ Earth Day 2015: sponsorship SpeedPro Signs for Cycle Recycle sign. Earth Day organizers receive an annual sponsorship of \$100 for signs for Earth Day. For next year they would like to get a Cycle Recycle sign designed for HUB. Suggestions: bike with panniers, groceries sticking out.
- ≡ HUB proposal for improvements 117<sup>th</sup> route: Jackie to send e-mail to Michael Eng to ask about plans for signage, and to possibly organize a ride together with members Engineering Dept.  
We should also organize a ride (or more) to familiarize people with the route some time this summer.
- ≡ Support for HUB Surrey/White Rock/North Delta’s request to HUB to have TAC Standard available as a reference (suggestion is for digital version that could be put in a limited access folder available for all local communities to use and for HUB office to purchase this). Jackie to send e-mail to Heather. (done)
- ≡ Request for meeting with Sgt. Bruce McCowan (replaced Dale Somerville, Traffic Section RCMP – potentially new HUB liaison?) (sent e-mail 25/3/14; no reply):
  - Discuss Council’s review cycling on the sidewalk
  - Use of bikes in emergency situations (see: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/cyclists-will-play-vital-role-in-disaster-response-says-b-c-city-1.2585823>)
  - Other?
 Jackie to send a reminder.
- ≡ Request from Coun. Ashlie for “education” on use multi-use paths for road cyclists.  
Councillor Ashlie mentioned to Jackie that Council has been receiving a fair number of complaints about road cyclists who continue to use the road instead of the multi-use path. Jackie explained why (if on path, need to slow down considerably to cross at intersections; should actually press pedestrian button to get a green light to cross, which is very time

consuming, especially for long-distance cyclists). She will talk to Engineering to see what can be done (synchronize pedestrian lights with lights for cars?).

≡ Distribution t-shirts among Committee members. Ivan, Geoff, Peter and Jackie received HUB t-shirts.