

Draft Minutes

South Delta HUB Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 4, 2014 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Ladner Community Centre, North Room

1. Introductions/Attendees

Patrick (Chair), Alex, Bruce, Carol, Dirk, Bryan, Brad, Kathy, Roel, John, Barbara, Matthias, Jack

Brad, project manager for the Southlands in Tsawwassen, was in attendance. He provided some brief comments about the role of cycling in the plan, including greater connectivity between 56th Street and Boundary Bay/Centennial Beach.

2. Review/approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved.

3. Update: Meeting Location

Patrick updated the Committee on recent actions re: suggested meeting space for the South Delta HUB at Municipal Hall. Patrick contacted the designated staff person at Delta and explained the collaboration with HUB on the Map Revision. Staff appeared supportive and recommended that a short letter be drafted to Mayor & Council with the request. A letter was submitted, which is to be considered at the December 8th session of Council.

Carol suggested that HUB may wish to be present at Council to provide a face for the group, and reinforce awareness for the Committee's work. It was agreed that this is a good idea for future submissions to Mayor & Council on cycling recommendations.

It was recommended that SD HUB appoint a Media rep from the Committee who could attend and/or speak to HUB initiatives. Having centralized communications, and staying "on-message", is especially important when the HUB group is new in the community. Proposed outreach should include the Media rep and the Chair.

4. Update: Subcommittees

A. Delta Routes Map Revision

Sandra discussed the HUB letter prepared and submitted to Delta for the Map Revision project. The letter addressed each section of the RFQ, identifying where & how HUB could provide support. The areas of support included a potential workshop, member survey, and assessment rides. Bryan suggested that Delta/consultant could partner with someone from HUB to conduct the route assessments.

Sandra indicated that Delta CAO George Harvie had responded to the letter, and suggested that Delta staff meet with HUB. Patrick said that the Director of Engineering (Steven Lan) had contacted him for a meeting during the next week.

Sandra mentioned that the Subcommittee had their first meeting (at Sharkey's) to review the letter and discuss areas and routes within South Delta.

Kathy described the comprehensive cycling approach being taken at Surrey, which is a collective

exercise between different departments & groups within the City of Surrey. It was agreed that, in Delta, we may be at the beginning stages of such integrated planning.

Dirk indicated that, as part of his adaptive use work, he has been in contact with the offices of both Vicki Huntington (MLA) and Kerri-Lynn Findlay (MP) about plans to increase public accessibility of the Alaksen lands on Westham Island. It was agreed that this could be an area for HUB to get involved in as well. Dirk will update HUB at the next Committee meeting.

It was suggested that HUB make contact with Ivanhoe Cambridge (the developers of the Tsawwassen Mills Mall) as a starting point for cycling connections at the future mall and TFN.

Bruce reviewed Delta's Official Community Plan, and compiled a list of all sections that make reference to cycling. It was agreed that the OCP's guiding statements apply to new projects, affirming the need for HUB to apply a "monitoring lens" to new development projects.

Carol indicated that a similar approach had been taken for the Great Blue Heron Way vis-à-vis TFN. The foundational policy was reviewed, and the GBHW team addressed how their proposal met the different objectives and criteria that had been established for the community. Carol indicated that TFN subsequently endorsed the GBHW vision. A workshop was then held with Delta Council and staff in September, and a follow-up meeting will soon be held with Delta's Parks & Recreation staff.

It was suggested that a representative of TFN be invited to the next HUB meeting (Patrick will follow-up). Carol will send an invitation to share with SD HUB members about the annual Great Blue Heron Way walk, 10am on January 1, 2015 along the TFN breakwater path (all are invited).

Roel suggested that the organizers of the Tour de Delta should be contacted about the Map Revision project. It might be useful to discuss suitable/preferred routes for training purposes while the athletes are in town for the races.

It was agreed that, since the Map Revision project has a duration of ~3 months, an over-arching Safety/Routes Subcommittee should be formed to play an enduring role in route conditions and improvements for Delta (the Revision will be a short-term project of this Subcommittee). Patrick shared an example from the UBC/Vancouver HUB Committee (a "Spot Improvement – Priority List") that had been prepared & submitted to Vancouver City Council. It was agreed that the South Delta HUB could gradually develop a similar listing for local improvements.

B. Education

Carol described the commuter cycling course she took from HUB several years earlier, and how it improved her confidence about cycling on existing road conditions. Alex indicated that HUB may be bringing back its "street-wise" cycling course.

Barbara identified points within the school system where a cycling lens could be useful (including Advisory Committee on active transportation, municipal workers, union rep, PAC). Sandra indicated that Trustee Laura Dixon is interested in learning more about HUB (in January). Alex indicated that there is a national curriculum for school-friendly cycling, called "Can-Bike"; HUB has instructors that provide training to different school districts using this curriculum.

Alex indicated that he would be interested in joining the Education Subcommittee. Carol mentioned that Sepia Sharma of Fraser Health Authority should be approached to join the Subcommittee regarding the role of cycling in community health.

C. Local/Regional Infrastructure

Patrick indicated that he will be drafting a HUB letter to be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation for their 10-Year Transportation Plan Consultation (deadline Dec. 12th). The focus will be on provincial highway corridors within Delta, and how they may be improved to accommodate safe cycling infrastructure (i.e. Massey Tunnel Replacement, Highway 17 widening, proposed pedestrian overpass at 52nd Street). He will distribute the letter to the Infrastructure Subcommittee for comments and feedback.

Matthais described a new bus stop suggestion he has made to Translink, which could be an interim improvement for cyclists traveling from Tilbury/ Delta through the Massey Tunnel.. The proposed stop is located in the exit bay from River Road, northbound towards the tunnel (it appears to have a bay for transit already). Communications have already occurred between Translink, Delta, MOT, and the bus companies.

D. Tourism

HUB approached Tourism Delta about participating in their next meeting. Sandra attended their meeting on December 2nd, and learned more about the group & their priorities. They are presently working on a marketing-focused Tourism Map (for spring), which contains some cycling information. Sandra provided them with some early feedback on the marketing map.

Brad indicated that he would join the Tourism Subcommittee.

E. Project Monitoring

It was agreed that Committee members will each pay attention to development projects happening nearby, and a running list of projects to be “tracked” will be added to the monthly meeting Agenda. If this area grows significantly in the future, a separate Subcommittee can be formed at that point.

Brad suggested that a standard letter-of-introduction be prepared by HUB to introduce ourselves (as a “community resource”) to proponents of applicable development projects. It should only be projects over a certain size. It was agreed that this would be a good opportunity to collaborate with developers, to make sure incremental growth in Delta includes cycling.

5. Revisit: Committee structure

Patrick reiterated that there are a series of positions to be considered by Committee members, including: Co-Chair, Secretary (organizer/note-taker), and Media Rep/Liaison.

It was suggested that a Communications Subcommittee be formed to continue HUB outreach locally, and support the work of the Media Rep. Kathy indicated that she would be willing to serve as the Communications support to the Media Rep.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Next Committee Meeting:

→ When: Thursday, January 8th, 2015 at 7pm

→ Where: North Room, Ladner Community Centre (unless otherwise notified)