

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting Sept. 10, 2015

In attendance: Dave, Barry, Peter, Ely, Geoff, Ivan, Jackie

Regrets:

Notes

Upcoming events:

- Sept. 12, 9 am - 2 pm: Jackie will attend Volunteering Matters at Haney Farmers Market to try to recruit more volunteers, both for HUB and for MRBERT. John Hancorn will be there for MRBERT as well. Colin Stein has designed a Maple Ridge Committee poster to use for this and other events, and will do one for Pitt Meadows as well.
- Sept. 19, 10 am - 3 pm: GETI Fest. Ely will help from 8:30 - noon with set up and manning of bike decorating station. Jackie is still looking for more volunteers to help with the bike. Barry, Abby and Marlo will be in charge of the Ohm e-bikes.
- Oct. 1: Peter has been invited to the Age-friendly Solutions Workshop in Pitt Meadows (Sept. 15), and Jackie for the one in Maple Ridge (Oct. 1). The workshop is from 9 am till noon.
- Oct. 10: Dave, Barry (& Abby?), Peter (& Helen?), Ely and Geoff are all interested in participating with a Cranberry Festival ride. We'll decide a few days ahead of time, depending on the weather, and this will be an informal ride, so no permit applications!
- Oct. 26 - Nov. 1: Bike to Work Week.
On Oct. 24 Barry will run a Bike to Work promotion booth at the Haney Farmers Market (Grow & Gather on Dewdney Trunk Road) on Oct. 24 (Jackie will help out).

Past events:

- July 29: bike rodeo at BIA's Movie-in-the-Park (Ely and Jackie). This event was held two or three times this summer. We were invited for the second one. The space was rather small and it was mostly on grass, but it kind of worked.
- Sept. 6: Bike to Farms event: Dave, Peter & Helen, Alex & family, Ivan and Jackie volunteered, as well as Kim Lauzon (member of the Agricultural Advisory Committee), the co-organizer of this event. We had 32 participants this time, so a bit less than last year (about 40), but still good. We had two groups this time, with not quite as much interest in the first group, which left at noon. The second group left at 1 pm. Rick Moyer was at Big Feast and at Lorea's to take photos for the Times. Ronda Eyben Payne accompanied the second group and has been asked by Kim to write a story about the ride (for the Times?). A good time was had by all, with hay rides, animals, lemonade, lessons on vegetable growing, and of course some tasting too. The \$5 registration fee (minus credit card fee) will be used to pay for the cookies, lemonade, snacks and hay rides. Jackie will ask Kim for \$50 gift certificates as a thank-you gift for the participating farms, to be paid for from the money set aside by the Ag Committee for this event (max. \$600).
Jackie had problems again with the permit application process. The Special Event Permit didn't come through, and finally, in the afternoon of the Friday before the ride she was told that she didn't need

one, since we weren't using any parks or facilities. Unfortunately, the Festival Office still want us to apply for the Special Event Permit for all (formal) rides, whether we use parks/facilities or not (so whether we need a Special Event Permit or not). If we don't set foot in any parks or facilities, the Highway Use Permit will be our Special Event Permit.

Other:

- UnGaptheMap: both Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows are complete (Peter, Dave, Martin, Jasper, Jackie).
- Meeting with Coun. Craig Speirs July 22. (Ivan, Dave, Jackie). We discussed:
 - Progress with Pedestrian and Cycling Committee: will be finalized in the fall, but likely not operational until the new year.
 - Brought up the need for an updated Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows (folding) bike map. Last one was produced in 2006. We mentioned that the information gathered by our 20 volunteers for the bicycle network assessment in 2011 was somehow lost. According to the Engineering Department the consultant (Urban Systems) was in possession of the binder, but no longer have it. The information was supposed to be used for the 2014 Transportation Plan, and would have been useful for a new bike map as well.
 - Mentioned UnGaptheMap exercise.
 - Listed principles of what makes good cycling infra
 - Need for improvements to downtown bike routes (Brown Ave., Selkirk). Coun. Speirs mentioned that the city is considering making both Brown Ave. and Dewdney Trunk Road one way streets in the Town Core. Bike lanes would be added.
 - Explained the potential dangers of bi-directional paths, such as on 128th/Abernathy, 203rd, 240th), and mentioned that UBC Cycling in Cities researcher Kay Teschke suggested that raised crossings could be used to reduce the danger. Also that HUB prefers facilities on both sides of the road on urban roads.
- Plan for presentation to Council re #UnGaptheMap and meetings/rides with Council members/staff: Ivan might be willing to do a presentation. September is a pretty busy month, so we'll aim for October.
- Bike the Dike with Ike: an appreciation event for Ike de Boer, municipal engineer at the City of Pitt Meadows, who will be retiring in October. (Peter)
- Purchase of helmet cam: Barry will take action.

Still remaining from 2014/15 allowance	\$271.08
Still available for 2015/16 as of Aug. 13 (after expenses for June 7 Bike repair Workshop of \$10.04 and Aug. Pizza-in-the-Park meeting of \$75.50).	\$314.46

Received in donations at our Pizza-in-the-Park meeting in August)	\$22.30
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