

HUB New Westminster Local Committee Agenda

Thursday April 24th, 2025 @ 6:00 pm (4th Thursday of the month)

Location: New Westminster Main Public Library – Ash Street Room & [Discord](#)

Find the HUB New West Local Committee Discord server at <https://bikehub.ca/new-westminster>, and by going to *Voice Channels* > *#Meetings*

AGENDA

1. Meeting Openers

Welcoming newcomers & introductions
Check-in

2. Advocacy

2025 Action Plans

ATNP Support and Feedback for the Active Transportation Network Plan

[HUB New West's Response document and bike rack request list](#)

City of New West is making some promotional materials (flyers, and videos etc) to promote/educate about the ATNP. Looking for folks who would like to participate in the video

Communicating Support for New West Bike Lanes

-Winter Bike Count

-Social Media

Review Andrew's notes from meetings with MOT and CoNW about bike infrastructure changes and provide ideas

HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report - Andrew

Youth Advocates - with groups like Monkey Rebels, NWSS Environmental Club, Youth Centre Bike Club etc, HUB NW would like to support youth advocates - Damian

-Bike Bus! Skwo:wech is waitlisted! :)

Pathway near Qayqayt School

Construction & Flagging Issues - discuss requesting the City to enforce their guidelines around reducing negative impacts for cyclists. [Link to CoNW Brochure](#) - Shane, Deb, Heidi, Andrew

Bike Parking in shopping districts (6th St and 12th St) - Robert

Connection from New West to Burnaby Midtown Greenway

Stewardson Way New Bike Infrastructure

Burnaby Survey

<https://yourvoice.burnaby.ca/southeast-bikeway-upgrade-project>

Komoot - testing the app to use for cycle routing
<https://www.komoot.com/plan>

Bike Recovery Service - Update - Fulton

In Meeting Actions

3. Activities

Earth Day/Week Presentation at NWPL (Sunday April 27th at 1pm) - Fulton
<https://www.nwpl.ca/events/low-carbon-family-vacations/?occurrence=2025-04-27>

Climate Friendly Homes Tour by Bicycle (Saturday April 26) - Fulton
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-west-sustainable-home-info-sessions-tickets-1141234526189>

Earth Day Bike Ride (Sunday April 27th at 11am) starting and ending at Treats Concession in Queens Park
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/earth-day-bike-parade-2025-sunday-april-27-tickets-878764677807?>

Bike to School Week (June 2 - June 6) & Go by Bike Week (May 31 - June 6)

Hyack Parade (Saturday May 24) - Fulton

New to New West Intercultural Festival and Information Fair (Saturday May 31) - Fulton

4. Group Response

What did you like about this meeting? What would you like to do differently next time?

5. Next Meeting – May 22: 4th Thursday of each month @ 6:00 pm – Hybrid – virtual / NWPL Ash Street Room. July & August are usually held outdoors at Moody Park, and December we have a social instead.

HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday April 24, 2025

Present: Damian Gyski (left at 6:48), Heidi Hizsa, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong

Call to order: 6:13PM

1. Meeting Openers

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2. Advocacy

2025 Action Plans

ATNP Support and Feedback for the Active Transportation Network Plan - The City is seeking volunteers to participate in a video to promote the ATNP.

Action: Damian is interested in participating in the promotion. Fulton will connect Damian with Cathy.

Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT) Meeting re Howe Street MUP - Andrew F attended the meeting and is generally happy with the plan. He requested signage for drivers making them aware of cyclists and pedestrians. MoTT will ask cyclists to dismount where the route crosses the 91A Highway on-ramps and off-ramps instead of using elephant fee markings.

Victoria Street and Lorne Street Development - Andrew F noted that this new development may offer opportunities for a bicycle route connection to Seventh Street and Agnes Street.

Connection from New Westminster to Burnaby Midtown Greenway - Mike Anderson responded to Robert and indicated that the route is on the City's radar but not currently a priority.

Action: Robert will connect with HUB - Burnaby about the route.

Youth Advocates - Although HUB chose Lord Kelvin Community School to establish a bike bus, there isn't a parent with the school who is willing to organize one. Damian is torn between accepting HUB support for the bike bus at Skwo:wech Elementary School since it is already operating.

Bicycle Rescue Service Update - Gordon H and Fulton are working on the backlog of applicants for refurbished bicycles from last year and have received new applications. Donations of used bicycles are welcomed and can be dropped off at Cap's Bicycle Shop.

3. Activities

Play Day in New Westminster (Sunday April 6) - Damian attended the event, which saw good turnout.

Earth Day/Week Event at NWPL (Sunday April 27: 1 pm - 2:30 pm) - Garey Carlson will give a free presentation about his family's low-carbon (bicycle) vacations in BC at the New Westminster Public Library.

Climate Friendly Homes Tour (Saturday April 26) - Fulton will lead a free bike ride to the homes that are part of the tour. Robert will volunteer for the bike ride and tour.

Bike to School Week (June 2 - June 6) & Go by Bike Week (May 31 - June 6) - Skwo:wech Elementary School is participating in Bike to School Week.

Hyack Parade (Saturday May 24) - HUB-NW did not register for the parade. However, Cap's Bicycle Shop has registered. If cyclists are interested in joining the parade, please contact Gordon Hobbis for details.

New to New West Intercultural Festival and Information Fair (Saturday May 31) - HUB-NW has been invited to participate in the fair. Volunteers are needed to organize HUB-NW's participation.

Adjourned: 7:22 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday June 26. The Thursday May 22 meeting is cancelled due to the absence of several members.

HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday March 27, 2025

Present:, Fadi Asfour, Claire Borugian (NWSS Environment Club), Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Damian Gyski, Heidi Hizsa, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong

Call to order: 6:05 PM

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2025 Action Plans

ATNP Support and Feedback for the Active Transportation Network Plan - The City has received feedback from the public about its plans for the Seventh Street Corridor and has amended its design to remove a planned diverter at Fourth Avenue and to retain more vehicle parking.

HUB-NW has advocated for a more gradual bicycle route by Ecole Qayqayt Elementary to bypass Merivale Street. The developer of a project on the east side of the school has agreed to the pathway.

Anecdotal comments indicate that usage of the Lime bike share is higher than was expected.

HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report - Andrew will meet with a staff member of School District 40 to discuss the report, which highlights cycling deficiencies with the

schools in New Westminster. Damian and another parent will be leading a bike bus at Skwo:wetch Elementary School that will bring students to the school by bicycle.

Bike Parking in Shopping Districts (6th Street and 12th Street) - Steven Mater, Transportation Planning Analyst, CoNW, responded to Robert. He indicated that the City is open to installing more bicycle racks and requested location suggestions.

Youth Advocates - Claire highlighted that NWSS is hosting events (April 7 - 11) to encourage students to bicycle including having Gordon Hobbis serve as a bike mechanic on April 7 & 8. Participation in the events can be tracked using HUB's ride log or GoByBike's website. Claire is seeking support to pay for expenses and rewards. HUB will provide some financial support.

Burnaby Survey - The City of Burnaby is seeking feedback on its Southeast Bikeway Upgrade Project. Damian noted the route that connects to 12th Avenue is overly steep and gravelly.



Construction & Flagging Issues - A bi-directional bike lane along Sherbrooke Street (near Royal Columbian Hospital) is being installed. Damian noted that Keary Street is a better route than Sherbrooke Street to cycle uphill.

Stewardson Way New Bike Infrastructure - The new facility is open.

Communicating Support for New West Bike Lanes - Members were encouraged to counter negative comments about cycling.

3. Activities

Earth Day/Week Event at NWPL (Sunday April 27: 1 pm - 2:30 pm) - Garey Carlson will give a free presentation about his family's low-carbon (bicycle) vacations in BC at the New Westminster Public Library.

Climate Friendly Homes Tour (Saturday April 26) - Fulton will lead a free bike ride to the homes that are part of the tour. Volunteers are needed to help with the bike ride and tour.

Bike to School Week (June 2 - June 6) & Go by Bike Week (May 31 - June 6) - No new information

Hyack Parade (Saturday May 24) - No new information.

Community Bike Month (now known as Bicycle Rescue Service) Update - Gordon Hobbis has established a non-profit society, whose purpose includes refurbishing donated bikes to give away for free to needy families. Unneeded bicycles for the service can be dropped off at Cap's Bicycle Shop at 434A East Columbia Street.

Adjourned: 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday April 24

HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday February 27, 2025

Present:, Cathay Acuna (online), Shane Griffin, Damian Gryski (online), Heidi Hizsa, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong

Call to order: 6:10 PM

1. Meeting Openers

Welcoming newcomers & introductions

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2. Advocacy

2025 Action Plans - Individual HUB-NW members have been encouraged to work on their own bicycle-related action plans. Also, HUB-NW will continue to support the City's implementation of Active Transportation Network Plan by participating in the City's consultation process.

ATNP Support and Feedback for the Active Transportation Network Plan - The City will shift the location of the bike lane along the East Sixth Avenue by tāmāsew̱txʷ Aquatic and Community Centre to free up more roadscape. Concerns with the connection of the Crosstown Greenway (behind tāmāsew̱txʷ) to Cumberland Street were raised. Construction of the bike route along Seventh Street is expected to begin in the spring. The reconfiguration of the BC Parkway along Stewardson Way is nearly complete. Construction along Sherbrooke Street and Fader Street is impeding use of the bike route.

Action: Heidi will talk to the construction companies operating at Sherbrooke and Fader.

Communicating Support for New West Bike Lanes - Shane countered anti-bike sentiments concerning the Belmont Plaza, which is not a bicycle project.

West Point Cycles has produced videos available on HUB Cycling's Instagram (@hubcycling) that address anti-bike complaints. Heidi suggests members experiment with Komoot as an alternative to Google Maps for bike route planning.

HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report - Andrew and Damian have contacted members of the School Board about the report.

Youth Advocates - Heidi has contacted Mr Pistore, the sponsoring teacher of the Environment Club at New Westminster Secondary School. Damian is planning to organize and lead a bike bus at Skwo:wech Elementary School in April. Transportation issues will be discussed at the April District Parent Advisory Committee meeting.

Construction & Flagging Issues - Heidi and Andrew F met with Mike Anderson, Manager of Transportation, CoNW and Michael Nguyen, Senior Engineering Technologist, CoNW regarding non-compliance of construction companies with the City's Traffic Control Guidelines. Heidi suggested rewording the Guidelines to stress the importance of compliance. Mike noted that the City has blacklisted a company for repeated non-compliance and recommended reporting vehicles parked on bike lanes to Parking Services (<https://www.newwestcity.ca/transportation/parking-and-towing/parking>). Andrew F reminded Mike about HUB-NW's request for a more gradual bike route by École Qayqayt Elementary.

Bike Parking in Shopping Districts (6th Street and 12th Street)

Action: Robert will contact Steven Mater, CoNW about whether the City plans to install more bike racks.

Connection from New West to Burnaby Midtown Greenway - Mike Anderson responded to Robert's letter requesting an extension of the bike route along McBride Boulevard to Tenth Avenue to connect Burnaby to the new Pattullo Bridge. The project is not currently a top priority of the City.

Stewardson Way New Bike Infrastructure - Mike Anderson confirmed that weave gates to reduce cyclist - motor vehicle driver conflicts along the new bike route are not planned.

In Meeting Actions - Members searched grant sources for refurbishing bikes and experimented with Komoot for bike route planning. Cathy also recommended some grant sources.

3. Activities

Earth Day/Week Event at NWPL - Fulton connected the NWPL representative with Garey Carlson, who has offered to give a presentation about his family's local bike camping trips.

Climate Friendly Homes Tour (Saturday April 26) - Fulton has volunteered to lead a bike ride to the homes that are part of the tour. Volunteers are needed to help with the bike ride and tour.

Bike to School Week (June 2 - June 6) & Go by Bike Week (May 31 - June 6) - No new information

Hyack Parade (Saturday May 24) - Gordon Hobbis plans to register HUB-NW and participate in the parade. He will also downplay Cap's Bicycle Shop in his participation.

Community Bike Month Update - Gordon Hobbis has resumed refurbishing donated bikes after a winter break and Fulton has begun distributing the refurbished bikes using the applications received last year.

Adjourned: 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday March 27 (6 pm - 7:45 pm)

HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday January 23, 2025

Present: Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Damian Gryski (online), Heidi Hizsa, Meher Kasam (online), Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong

Call to order: 6:14 PM

1. Meeting Openers

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2. Advocacy

2025 Action Plans - Individual HUB-NW members have been encouraged to work on their own bicycle-related action plans. Also, HUB-NW will continue to support the City's implementation of Active Transportation Network Plan by participating in the City's consultation process.

Communicating Support for New West Bike Lanes - At a corner of 7th Avenue & 6th Street, Andrew counted 24 users of the NWSS Cycling Connector on Monday January 20 (8 am - 9 pm). Contrary to anecdotal comments and public belief, the bike route is well-used. He also noted that bike parking cages at NWSS had housed many bicycles. Andrew drafted a letter about his results for Mayor and Council and the New West Record.

HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report

Action: Andrew will reach out to Tammy Dewar, Vice-Principal of Queen Elizabeth Elementary School about the report.

Youth Advocates - Ella has graduated from New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS). A new NWSS representative is needed to reactivate the group.

Damian has applied to HUB Cycling to set up a bike bus on behalf of Skwo:wech Elementary School. The School District has changed catchment boundaries. Children living between Cumberland and McBride will now attend FW Howay Elementary School instead of Skwo:wech.

Alison Gu, Burnaby Councillor, requested that Burnaby examine the feasibility of building a traffic garden (see <https://www.trafficgardens.com/>) where children can practice cycling skills.

Construction & Flagging Issues - Mike Anderson, Manager of Transportation, CoNW indicated there were no changes regarding the issues and the Traffic Supervisor of the CoNW could revoke permits of construction companies to operate.

Action: Heidi will set up a meeting with Mike Anderson and the Traffic Supervisor.

Bike Parking in Shopping Districts (6th Street and 12th Street) - Robert indicated there is a new bike rack by the tin soldier at the River Market.

Connection from New West to Burnaby Midtown Greenway - Robert suggests extending the bike route along McBride Boulevard to Tenth Avenue to connect Burnaby to the new Pattullo Bridge.

Action: Robert will contact Mike Anderson about the suggestion.

Stewardson Way New Bike Infrastructure - Weave gates along the new route are being considered to reduce cyclist - motor vehicle driver conflicts.

Action: Damian will examine design standards to find an alternative solution.

In Meeting Actions - No actions

3. Activities

Earth Day/Week Event at NWPL - One person responded to the call for a bicycle-related presentation. However, the NWPL representative did not think their presentation was the right fit. Fulton contacted another person, who might be able to give a presentation.

Hyack Parade (Saturday May 24) - Registration for the parade is open. HUB-NW might not participate in the parade due to the expected absence of some HUB-NW members in May.

Bike to School Week (June 2 - June 6) & Go by Bike Week (May 31 - June 6) - Activities in New Westminster in relation to Bike to School Week are anticipated.

Community Bike Month Update - HUB Cycling wrote a letter in support of Gordon Hobbs' efforts to get charitable status for his non-profit, which has been working with HUB-NW to refurbish and distribute free bicycles.

Adjourned: 7:35 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday February 27 (6 pm - 7:45 pm)

HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday November 20, 2024

Present: Shane Griffin, Damian Gryski (online), Heidi Hizsa, Deb Hughes, Fulton Tom (Minutes)

Call to order: 6:12 PM

1. Meeting Openers

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2. Advocacy

HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report - No new information.

Youth Advocates - No new information.

Construction & Flagging Issues - No new information.

Sociable Tandem Bike - No new information.

Pathway between Hume Park and Braid Station - No new information

Great Blue Heron Way Project - No new information

Bike Parking in Shopping Districts - Some members have tried out the new bike racks in the City.

Action: Heidi will summarize the feedback about the new bike racks and communicate to the City.

Global News/Lime Bikes - Global News reported on a complaint by Queen's Meal & Deli about the loss of parking due to a Lime Bike station outside its shop (see <https://globalnews.ca/video/10849412/petition-started-against-e-bike-station-causing-issues-for-new-westminster-b-c-business>) and on business complaints about bike lanes in New Westminster (see <https://globalnews.ca/news/10850395/bike-lane-debate-flares-in-new-westminster/>). Sarah Kift, a member of the cargo bikes group, spoke in favour of bike lanes in the latter video.

A member noted difficulties with accessing the helmet on Lime Bikes. However, no one at the meeting had tried the Lime Bikes.

2025 Meeting date/time survey - Heidi has not conducted the survey yet.

3. Activities

December Social - Heidi will host the event with the date to be announced.

Earth Day/Week Event at NWPL - Caitlin MacRae of NWPL has invited HUB-NW to give a bike related presentation at the library during the week of Earth Day (April 22).

Action: Fulton will see if a HUB-NW member would be interested in volunteering to give a presentation.

Community Bike Month Update - Fulton noted that the project has refurbished and distributed for free one hundred bicycles so far in 2024 (matching the total in 2023) and

is still accepting bicycles to refurbish and give away. There are over a hundred applicants still waiting for bicycles.

Adjourned: 7:15 pm

Next Meeting: TBA