

**Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2023 - 5:45 pm - Maple Ridge Public Library**

Attendees: Ivan Chow, Dave Rush, Michael Nelson, Asher Steed, Antoinetta DeWit, Sigrun Gilmour

Minutes of previous meeting - approved.

Agenda for this meeting - approved.

**4. Old Business**

**4.1 ATAC PM** - Peter was not able to attend.

**4.2 TAC MR** - Ashley was not able to attend.

**4.3 Ride with Pitt Meadows Councillors, meeting with Maple Ridge councillors Tan and Schiller**

**Ride with PM councillors:**

Peter has contacted Councillor Alison Evans. ATAC members will also be invited. Ride will probably be early October, before the next ATAC meeting. Peter and Erin will coordinate with ATAC.

**Virtual meeting with Councillors Jenny Tan and Sunny Schiller on Sept. 7**

Jackie had prepared a 16-page letter with feedback on the final draft of the 2022 STP. It is the 1st time to provide feedback to this council (mostly consisting of rookie members). Jenny Tan said she wants us to send just a brief letter with a few bullet points: what exactly should council focus on? A long letter would not be helpful. Jenny W. suggested that council ask staff to adhere to the BC Active Transportation Design Guide. Jackie suggested the focus should be primarily on the Town Centre and the Lougheed Transit Corridor, i.e. completing the Westridge Greenway (incl. the cemetery connection, which is not included in the plan), the Lougheed cycle highway, Brown Ave. and high quality north-south connections. Jackie wrote a new draft which has been sent to Approval.

Everyone agreed that the shorter letter would get better attention from Councillors.

**4.4 GETI Fest September 16 -**

Discussion on who was coming and confirming what was needed.

Dave will bring his tools as well the "Repair Cafe" will be located close by if

he needs anything else.

Asher will prepare a survey on where people like to ride ie. to go shopping, run errands, recreational etc.

#### **4.5 Draft STP - final feedback**

Draft STP: see also under 4.3. Jackie sent a brief letter with basic requests for approval on Monday. Council discussed the draft at Committee of the Whole on Tuesday Sept. 12. If anybody wants to watch the video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgd64svGrMU&ab\\_channel=CityofMapleRidge-PublicMeetings](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgd64svGrMU&ab_channel=CityofMapleRidge-PublicMeetings). Mark Halpin's presentation starts at about 34:10. Questions from council start at 47:40. Some commentary is already included within the questions asked.

Council discussion (and endorsement) will happen at regular Council meeting on Sept. 26.

Asher gave quite a comprehensive summary of the Councillors comments/questions at Committee of the Whole meeting:

Councillor Tan asked about the VKT (vehicle kilometres travelled) and how that would look in reducing congestion; she would like a more fulsome explanation and thought separate meetings to understand future cycling projects would be helpful.

Councillor Schiller liked the increase in plans for cycling. She asked if Staff would be committed to following the BC Active Transportation Guide. Mark Halpin responded that it was an excellent Guide and that Staff would be referring to it when developing cycling projects. She also wanted to know how future cycling projects would be presented to Council.

#### **4.6 Off-street Parking and Loading Bylaw - HUB MRPM Feedback**

Off-street Parking and Loading Bylaw: The proposed approach presented to Council in July suggested 1 long-term bike parking space per multi-family unit (possibly more required in Town Centre and Lougheed Transit Corridor Area). For the past year and a half or so we've been asking for 1.25/unit. Evan Hammer will draft a letter.

### **5. New Business**

#### **5.1 Maple Ridge Climate Hub Event: Maple Ridge Fight to End Fossil Fuels - Sept. 17, 11:00 am at Maple Ridge City Hall - including 2.5 km march**

We've been asked to have a presence, but nobody is able to volunteer. It would be a great opportunity to try and recruit new committee members.

## **6.0 Roundtable**

Ivan reminded us of HUB's AGM is September 21 via zoom. We need to register on-line for this.

Asher said that he got a letter in the mail from Translink inviting him to download their AP in order to participate in their 5 year study however he missed the deadline to download the AP as he only received the letter a few days before. No one else recalls seeing a letter from Translink in the mail for this.

Nettie mentioned that a new pool is going to be built in Hammond. She would like to let them know that they should provide safe bike parking ie. within sight of reception or within premises. She wondered how best to do that - whether it should be done individually or as a group. Ivan said that both would help.