

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

Welcoming newcomers & introductions

Check-In

Review of Agenda

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 Hobbis' 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)

