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HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in the Plaskett Room of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)
Wednesday October 19, 2022

Present: Brad Barber (Zoom), Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin (Zoom), Heidi Hizsa, Patrick Parkes (left at 7:07), Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong

Call to order: 6:09 PM

1. Meeting/Communications

- a) Review of Agenda – Add Cargo Bike Parents Group to the agenda. Approved.
- b) Review of Minutes (September 28, 2022) – Correct minutes to read Stewardson (not Steward). Approved.
- c) Social Media Update – Someone complained about the Sixth Street bike lanes on Twitter and the New Westminster Record conducted an online poll about whether people used New Westminster’s bike lanes. Many cyclists including members of the Cargo Bike Parents Group responded to the complaint and poll with thoughtful online comments. Heidi encouraged members to post evidence-based comments in support of the bike lanes.

2. Advocacy

- a) City of New Westminster 5-Year Capital Plan – The plan can be found at <https://pub-newwestcity.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12383> and the report from Engineering Services regarding the plan can be found at <https://pub-newwestcity.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=12382>. Garey, Andrew and Heidi presented to Council regarding the plan, which Council approved unanimously and directed staff to proceed.
- b) 2023 Priorities – HUB-NW’s priorities should align with year 1 projects that the City plans to implement under its 5-Year Capital Plan. The City should designate Carnarvon Street between 8th Street and 10th Street and the McInnes Overpass as routes in its cycling network.

Action: Heidi will print up two copies of the All Ages and Abilities Active Transportation Network Plan for the group to reference.

- c) HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report – Anita Ansari responded to Andrew’s request for a contact from SD40 to champion the report’s recommendations and that person will work with Tim Welsh, HUB’s Director of Program Development.
- d) Municipal Elections – Patrick recommends building a relationship with the new Mayor and Council and would like the City to promote cycling more.

Action: Patrick and Fulton will plan a bike ride of the Sixth Street bike lanes and get together with Mayor and Council.

e) Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee – Heidi is interested in serving on the Committee. HUB-NW encourages others to apply as well.

f) Cargo Bike Parents Group – Heidi suggested inviting the group to form a sub-committee of HUB-NW.

Action: Heidi will contact the Cargo Bike Parents Group about collaborating with HUB-NW.

3. Activities

a) Go by Bike Week – HUB-NW hosted a morning station on Tuesday October 4 with the support of ICBC and Cap's Bicycle Shop. Approximately 80 cyclists stopped or passed by the station. Fraser Health sponsored a station at the Royal Columbian Hospital on the same day in the afternoon. Disha Katyal, Environmental Health Office with Fraser Health, indicated to Robert that she would be willing to write letters of support for HUB.

b) HUB Volunteer Appreciation Skating Event – HUB-NW encourages its volunteers to attend. Registration is required.

Adjourned: 7:32 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday November 16 at 6 pm in the Ash Street Room