



HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Meeting via Zoom: Wednesday March 23, 2022

Present: Brad Barber, Garey Carlson, Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Robert Wong.

Call to order: 6:33 PM

1. Meeting/Communications

- a) Review of Agenda – Add Coquitlam Transfer Centre, New Bike Store, TransLink Municipal Funding Program and Municipal Election. Approved.
- b) Review of Minutes (February 23, 2022) – Approved.
- c) Social Media Update – No new developments.

2. Advocacy

- a) HUB Cycling 2022 Bike Awards (Wednesday February 24) – The New Westminster Record reported on the event and noted that the New Westminster School District received gold for Bike-Friendly Building Certification (see <https://www.newwestrecord.ca/local-news/hub-cycling-recognizes-new-west-resident-and-school-at-bike-awards-5098601>).
- b) HUB All-Committee Meeting (Monday March 14) – Evan Hammer gave a presentation on cycling highways.
- c) HUB-NW 2021-2022 Annual Priorities – The City has many cycling projects underway.

Action: Brad will invite Mike Anderson to an upcoming meeting, thank the City for projects completed in 2021, and ask the City to proceed with an interim connection between the London/Dublin Greenway and the bike route at 8th Street & 8th Avenue and a connection through Moody Park to 9th Street.

The group was asked to recommend medium-term (5-year) priorities and high-level policies for the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC).

- d) Uptown Active Transportation Improvements – The City received pushback from businesses regarding its plan to remove parking from 6th Street. Garey has not drafted a letter with HUB-NW recommendations yet but will include information about the benefits of bike lanes to businesses (found in an email from Jonathan Mak).
- e) Memorialization Park/Former NWSS Grounds – Fulton offered a HUB-NW presentation to the Memorialization Advisory Committee (MAC) but has not received a reply.

Action: Brad will raise the issue of connecting the park with the existing bike network with Mike Anderson.

- f) Pattullo Bridge Construction Update – TI Corp will provide an update on Thursday March 24.
- g) Letters of Support for City of New Westminster Funding Requests

Action: Garey will write letters in support of funding requests for updates to the cycling network and cycling/walking improvements by the new aquatic centre.

h) Stewardson Way (5th Avenue/14th Street) Improvements – HUB-NW expects improvements on the BC Parkway along Stewardson Way this year.

i) Coquitlam Transfer Centre – The centre is now open but the road west of the centre has been narrowed and is frequently covered with debris.

j) New Bike Store – A new bike store, Bikes for All, has opened on 12th Street (by London Street).

k) TransLink Municipal Funding Program – TransLink funded multiple projects in the region including cycling improvements in Burnaby and New Westminster in 2021 (see https://www.translink.ca/-/media/translink/documents/plans-and-projects/roads-bridges-and-goods-movement/2021_mfp_list_of_projects.pdf). An issue that Robert brought to the attention of the City of Burnaby was one of the projects receiving TransLink funding.

l) Municipal Election – HUB-NW will thank outgoing Mayor Cote for his support of cycling and consider inviting him to a bicycle ride. The group will consider surveying candidates about their views on cycling.

Action: Garey will draft a thank you letter to Mayor Cote.

3. Activities

a) Go by Bike Week Spring (May 30 – June 5) – Fulton contacted Vice-Principal Greg Patton twice about holding a celebration station at New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) but has not received a reply.

Action: Fulton will telephone Greg to discuss an event at NWSS.

HUB-NW will consider holding hybrid meetings once meeting rooms in the New Westminster Public Library reopen.

Adjourned: 8:05 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday April 27, 2022