

Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022 - 7:00 pm - Zoom Meeting

1. Attendees: Craig Towers (guest speaker), Jackie Chow, Ivan Chow, Barry Bellamy, Michael Nelson, Jenny Wright, Janet Dwillies, Antoinette DeWit, David Macphail, Ashley van der Pouw, Sigrun Gilmour
2. Minutes of previous meeting - Approved.
3. Agenda for this meeting - Approved
4. **Craig Towers , Yennadon PAC/Yennadon Active School Transport Committee**

Many problems with traffic congestion around schools, some crosswalks are not well lit and parking problems.

Yennadon has received a grant for Active School transportation.

Children need motivation ie. “walk and wheels”, HUB “Bike to School Week”.

September to April is the biggest challenge to getting children on bikes.

One of the barriers to cycling to school is the need for the children to dismount once they get to school and walk on school grounds. He would like to see them continue to bike on school grounds and is hoping to get a cycle track built at school where the children can ride.

Walking School Bus - where volunteers would walk children from Silver Valley to Yennadon.

Jenny asked if they have considered the “School Streets Program”. Craig says they have the future Dogwood loop which could work once it’s built. They could also close off the roundabout to see if that would be positive. Barry didn’t think it could work logistically.

Jenny - how would you like us to support the school? Some ideas:

HUB bike classes - school has to approach the City for permission - they could potentially pay if they can’t get a grant. **Jenny will get Craig information on the HUB Bike classes.**

They could have a fun competition riding up the hill to Silver Valley - who is the fastest in each age group; how many times up in a given period etc.

Bike parade - elaborate on that - our HUB LC would like to get involved in that.

Lobby for separate MUP path on both sides of road.

5. Old Business

5.1 Biking Blog on rmcyclist website - use existing email for rmcyclist.

Need a name for the Blog - Ask _____? or other ideas.

Solicit seed questions - ask friends and family for questions ie. routes, maintenance, planning.

Possibly 4 people could be alerted to the email questions and could field the questions to who best can answer.

There should be one designated person to answer the questions instead of the whole committee.

5.2 Earth Day April 23, 2022 - Everything is on track for this year.

We have good bikes for the raffle.

Six people are needed to execute this well.

5.3 Cycling Course and bikes for Katzie FN

Expecting 20 participants and 5 youth leaders to be trained.

Approximately 12 bikes will be donated for this programme by Rocky Blondin in Mission. e cannot confirm the sizes of the bikes at this time. Once funding is approved we will look for more bikes.

5.4 Action Plan Maple Ridge 2022 - deferred

6. New Business

6.1 Velo Canada Bikes - Bicycle Infrastructure Census

Velo Canada would like information on the budget communities are allocating towards active transportation ie. studies, design, construction, programming etc.

Over what time period has this budget been allocated.

Mark Halpin at City of Maple Ridge Engineering may be able to help with this.

Jenny will look into this.

6.2 117 Avenue MUP

We will draft our final feedback once we have received a response from Engineering to some questions we sent them after the information meeting in January.

- 6.3 Annual Election - Co-chair** - At the next meeting we will hold an election for the post of co-chair, which we are expected to do every year. Ivan would like to step down and Barry would be prepared to step down as well if there are any nominations. Members can nominate themselves or other members.