



HUB - New Westminster
Draft Minutes of Meeting at Moody Park: Wednesday August 24, 2022

Present: Brad Barber, Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Heidi Hizsa, Patrick Parkes, Brian Simpson, Ying Simpson, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Karon Trenaman, Sandra Walton, Robert Wong

Call to order: 6:34 PM

1. Meeting/Communications

a) Review of Agenda – Add Be Heard Consultations regarding Traffic Calming around Schools and Safe Passing Distance to the agenda. Approved.

b) Review of Minutes (June 22, 2022) – Garey was tasked with contacting Gavin about who received *Bike Friendly Building Assessment – New Westminster Schools*. Since Garey is on vacation, Fulton contacted Gavin. Copies of the report were sent to Mike Anderson, Manager, Transportation of the City of New Westminster and to Iain Lancaster, District Vice-Principal, Programs & Planning. Fulton also asked Jonathan Mak about putting a link to the document on HUB-NW’s website but was informed that HUB could not without the permission of the school district as it was the client. Likewise, the school district’s permission is required to send the document to Parent Advisory Councils. Approved.

c) Social Media Update – Nothing new to report.

2. Advocacy

a) 2023 Priorities – HUB-NW is collection recommendations for 2023 priorities through a Google doc (https://docs.google.com/document/d/14T685T_PPfpFQIVwlg-NXLGWfgZUJbp--cpUN6JjOmg/edit). Brad wants the priorities list to be focused (perhaps five items) and be based on criteria previously agreed upon (such as cost-effectiveness and focus on high population density areas). The top priority should be a safe cycling route to New Westminster Secondary School from the east.

b) Cycling advocacy in the 2023 Municipal Elections – HUB-NW will ask candidates (both City Council and School Board) to answer cycling related questions (possibly using some questions suggested by HUB).

Action: Heidi and Patrick will work on the questions and consult the group through the list serve.

c) Crosstown Greenway Canada Games Pool Detour – The establishment of the detour was poorly done. The greenway was blocked and detour signs were put up before the detour was ready. Once established, the detour was unsafe as it was not separated from oncoming motor vehicle traffic but has since been improved.

Action: Brad will raise the issue with Mike Anderson.

d) Paving on Boyd Street/Bike Stencils – The City has not placed bike stencils on the repaved route.

Action: Brad will raise the issue with Mike Anderson.

e) Update to City's Active Transportation Plan – Urban Systems has mapped out a bike network to be implemented over 5 years that is expected to cost \$25 million to implement.

f) Be Heard Consultations regarding Traffic Calming around Schools – The City is collecting feedback on its traffic calming around schools through its Be Heard online platform. Andrew is concerned that the City is neglecting safe bicycle routes to the schools. Parents could drop off kids two blocks away as is done in Vancouver and other places. NWPD should be riding routes to school during Bike to School Week.

Action: Fulton will inform the members of the link to participate in the consultations (and safety concerns with Lord Kelvin parking on the Crosstown Greenway).

g) Safe Passing Distance – Brad met with NW MLA Jennifer Whiteside to request legislation requiring motor vehicle provide at least one metre distance when passing cyclists. The law is anticipated in Spring 2023.

3. Activities

a) Review of Summer Activities – HUB–NW had information tables and bike mechanics at the New West Farmers Market on Thursday July 28 and at Car Free Day – New Westminster on Saturday August 6. Both events were well attended. Fulton organized bike rides to the Honda Celebration of Light and invited HUB-NW contacts to attend.

b) Fall Go by Bike Week – New Westminster Public Library would like a HUB-NW volunteer to participate in a Climate Action Week panel event to give a presentation on active transportation. HUB has not announced the dates of the fall Go by Bike Week yet.

c) Summer Social / Volunteer Appreciation Picnic (Saturday September 10) – HUB-NW is holding the event in Moody Park.

Sandra is concerned that cars do not stop for cyclists at flashing light crossings. A provincial standard is needed. Perhaps, the BC Cycling Coalition could take the lead on the issue.

Adjourned: 7:50 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 28 via Zoom