



HUB - New Westminster  
Draft Minutes of Meeting via Zoom: Wednesday January 26, 2022

Present: Garey Carlson, Andrew Feltham (left at 7:15), Shane Griffin, Heidi Hizsa (left at 7:02), Gordon Lamont, Andrew Moss, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Peter von Riedemann, Robert Wong.

Call to order: 6:33 PM

1. Meeting/Communications

- a) Review of Agenda – Add Speed Hump on 10th Street, Centre Line on 10th Street, Mayor Cote’s Decision to not Run for Re-election, Development Application at 514 Carnarvon Street, and Bike Awards to the agenda. Approved.
- b) Review of Minutes (November 24, 2021) – Approved.
- c) Social Media Update – Skipped inadvertently.

2. Advocacy

- a) HUB-NW 2021-2022 Annual Priorities – Zefo Bernath would like 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to be designated an official bike route and for motor vehicle travel on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to be changed to one-way.

HUB-NW’s current priorities include making 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Moody Park and Fraser River Middle School part of a primary north/south bike route. Mike Anderson has expressed interest in changing the bike route from 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The City’s Cool Street Pilot Project in 2020 found high motor vehicle traffic levels on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The City has confirmed that it will revisit the Master Transportation Plan and the bicycling network.

- b) NWSS Connector – Garey sent a letter on behalf of HUB-NW requesting the City drop consideration of option 1, which uses an alley as a bike route to connect the entrance of NWSS to the Crosstown Greenway, strongly consider option 2 (along 6<sup>th</sup> Street) and consider option 3 (HUB-NW’s proposed hybrid route along 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 6<sup>th</sup> Street). The City is expected to announce its preferred option shortly and to seek further feedback. Andrew F and Garey have been invited to attend an Urban Systems focus group concerning the Uptown Active Transportation Improvements, which includes a connection to NWSS and the portion of the Crosstown Greenway between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. The City’s Phase 1 engagement process found the highest support for option 2.

- c) Qayqayt School Connection – A representative of the City’s Planning Department informed Andrew F that the developer’s plans include HUB-NW’s desired bicycle path, which would form part of the Uptown-Downtown bike route. The group was encouraged to support the development when it comes before Council.

- d) Memorialization Park/Former NWSS Grounds – Fulton contacted Karim Hachlaf, the Superintendent of School District 40, to offer HUB’s expertise in bike routes and facilities as the Memorialization Advisory Committee (MAC) develops plans for the park. Karim responded that the District will continue to value HUB’s input as part of its future plans for the park.

Action: Fulton will reply to Karim to offer HUB-NW's feedback including a possible presentation to the MAC once preliminary plans are released (with the understanding that the project will likely evolve as exploration and discovery of the former burial site proceeds).

e) Pattullo Bridge Construction Update – A planned access ladder on the Surrey side of the Pattullo Bridge will narrow the bridge's sidewalk, which is part of the BC Parkway, by 8 to 10 inches. Signage will require cyclists to dismount near the site of the ladder. Garey suggested an alternative to the ladder, but it was rejected. While the ladder was not in the access management plan and users were never consulted, challenging it would require significant effort.

Action: Garey will identify options if HUB wants to take action.

f) Route from Queensborough Bridge to Market Crossing (Burnaby) – Andrew Traviss, is concerned that the bike lane on Marine Way is being used as a dumping place for snow and debris.

Action: Garey will see if HUB-Burnaby is interested in the issue since most of bike route is outside of New Westminster's jurisdiction and will investigate opportunities for more interregional cooperation.

g) 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 13<sup>th</sup> Street Roundabout Concern – A cyclist slipped at the icy intersection when a motor vehicle did not slow down at the roundabout. The group discussed options for the intersection but concluded that the one incident with few details does not warrant action at this time. Garey recommended that the cyclist contact the City about the issue.

h) Speed Hump on 10th Street (between Edinburgh Street & 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue) – In response to Shane's request for additional speed bumps on 10th Street, Fan Jin, Transportation Technologist at the City, confirmed that the City will be installing some between Edinburgh Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

i) Centre Line on 10th Street (between 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue) – Fan Jin responded to Shane's request for repainting the centre line by indicating that one is not necessary on non-major urban streets.

j) Mayor Cote's Decision to not Run for Re-election – This item was tabled for February's meeting.

k) Development Application at 514 Carnarvon Street – Andrew F requested that the redevelopment of the property, which is where the street narrows, include a safe cycling facility.

### 3. Activities

a) Go by Bike Week Spring (Possibly May 30 – June 5) – NWSS is interested in hosting a Go by Bike Week event (with the support of HUB-NW, ICBC and Cap's Bicycles).

b) HUB Bike Awards (Thursday February 24) – Attendees were encouraged to register (at <https://bikehub.ca/events/2022-bike-awards>) and to attend the online event.

Adjourned: 8:02 PM

Next meeting: Wednesday February 23, 2022