

HUB - New Westminster
Minutes of Meeting (Wednesday April 25, 2018)
Buy-Low Foods Meeting Room, New Westminster, BC

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

Call to order: 6:32 PM

1. a) Review of Agenda – Add unsafe issue reporting, skateboarder accident, pedestrian overpass on Stewardson Way. Approved.
- b) Review of Minutes (March 28, 2018) – Fulton did not contact the City regarding the downtown-uptown bike route. HUB-NW will send a letter to the City instead. Approved.

2. Advocacy Topics

- a) Unsafe Issue Reporting – Patrick recommends using See Click Fix to report unsafe cycling issues. The app sends a report to the appropriate local municipality department.
- b) Skateboarder Accident – A skateboarder was killed after colliding with a semi-truck in Queensborough. It appeared that the skateboarder did not stop or yield after coming off the bridge ramp.
- c) Pedestrian Overpass over Stewardson Way – The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is funding the 3 metre wide pedestrian/cyclist overpass, which is currently not designed to connect to Grimston Park.
- d) Review of Latest New High School Consultation – Comments were generally supportive of cycling facilities. Concerns that controls might be place on the pedestrian realm (eg fences to restrict where pedestrians can go) were raised. The City will need to see how to connect the Crosstown Greenway with the new high school.
- e) Qayqayt School Path (Downtown to Uptown) – The City has not explicitly said that a downtown-uptown bike route is a priority. A downtown-uptown bike route is one of the fuzzier areas of the Master Transportation Plan.

Andrew has drafted a letter asking the City to recognize the Qayqayt perimeter route as a unique opportunity to build an All Ages and Abilities bike route that links downtown and uptown, to not preclude the establishment of a Qayqayt perimeter bike route through the rezoning of 118 Royal Avenue, and to prioritize the completion of downtown bicycle network as part of the Downtown Transportation Plan Review, and offering to meet with City staff to align the City's visions for active transportation routes.

- f) Current Issues for Construction on Greenway – The issue of closure of bike routes for construction was raised at the last ActBiPed Committee meeting. Traffic plan procedures exist and contractors are required to follow them but the City does not monitor and enforce them. The City needs a culture change is needed at the City to ensure the cyclist issues are addressed.

3. Activities

- a) Bike to Work Week (Monday May 28 – Sunday June 3) – HUB-NW is planning Celebration Stations for the BC Parkway in the morning of Tuesday May 29 and Moody Park in the morning of Wednesday May 30. Fraser Health Authority is planning a Celebration Station for Royal Columbian Hospital in the afternoon of Thursday May 31 and the City of New Westminster is planning a Celebration Station for Moody Park in the afternoon of Friday June 1.
- b) New West Grand Prix (Tuesday July 10) – HUB-NW members can volunteer as a group for the event by registering at <http://newwestgrandprix.com/volunteer/> and by requesting under "Specific Training/Experience" and "Availability" of the application to be part of the HUB-NW team.
- c) Free Bike Giveaway Events – HUB-NW ran the Bike Share & Repair event in 2016 where used bicycles were collected, repaired and distributed. HUB-NW is not planning another Bike Share & Repair. People with unused bikes can donate them to Dan Lee, who runs a bike maintenance course at New Westminster Secondary School.

Adjourned: 8:20 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 23 at 6:30 PM in the Buy-Low Foods meeting room, 555 Sixth Street.