

# Vancouver-UBC Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Mar 18th, 2025 18:30-20:00

Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

Attendees:

Anthony (co-chair), Jeff (co-chair), Keith, Grady, Ron, Eric, Stan, Dan, Chris, Kay, David, Sophia, Kevin, Luke, Mike, Mark, Karole, Nils, Ali, Tomer, Ivan, Clark. Total attendees: 22

## Meeting presentation slide deck can be downloaded here.

Please use the Van311 app to report infrastructure issues relating to cycling on dedicated bike lanes or on other streets. Please use BikeMaps.org to document hazards, near misses, collisions, and bike thefts.

- 1. Land acknowledgement, introductions, and welcome to new members
- 2. Agenda: Approved
- 3. Minutes from February: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
1	Everyone	Report infrastructure and operational issues through the Van311 App to have them addressed by the City - <b>Ongoing</b>
2	Anthony	Plan social ride ( <b>Done, March, April</b> )

#### 4. Announcements

- Visit <a href="https://bikehub.ca/vancouver-ubc">https://bikehub.ca/vancouver-ubc</a> for LC information
- Follow us on Mastodon @HUBVancouverUBC@mstdn.ca, or on Blue Sky @HUBVancouverUBC.bsky.social
- HUB Cycling Bike Awards were held Saturday March 8th. VULC Election Committee WG won an Advocacy Volunteer Award
- Columbia St Sewer Repair info session March 19th, see <a href="https://metrovancouver.org/services/liquid-waste/columbia-street-sewer-repair">https://metrovancouver.org/services/liquid-waste/columbia-street-sewer-repair</a> for project details
- Civic byelection coming April 5th, 2025. VULC member Lucy Maloney is running. See <a href="https://vancouver.ca/your-government/2025-by-election.aspx">https://vancouver.ca/your-government/2025-by-election.aspx</a> for details
- Trout Lake CC Earth Day Celebration Booth volunteer call-out.

#### 5. Guest Speaker: Chris Girard

- Chris is the Social Media manager for West Point Cycles
- Showed some videos from his "Debunking Active Transportation Myths" series. See <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@West\_Point\_Cycles">https://www.youtube.com/@West\_Point\_Cycles</a> or @westpointcycles on Instagram
- Discussion about cycling advocacy by a bike shop, support from management, feedback from the community, etc
- Asked for more topics for video series. Suggestions included myth-busting "bike lanes are bad for disabled people", "you don't get exercise on an e-bike", also "how individuals can support cycling in cities", "the Dutch reach", "examples of infra from other cities and how Vancouver might look with those things", explaining what all the bike infra road markings mean, debunking the "tunnels are scary and unsafe" myth, how to secure your bike,

#### 6. Updates from Working Group Leads

- Assessment Rides Jeff/Anthony We plan to resume assessment rides over the coming months. We will
  assess projects as they are completed/opened (Granville Connector, East Park detour, Arbutus Greenway
  at King Edward. A request was made to revisit SW Marine as that assessment is dated. No rides are
  scheduled this month.
- Cycling in Parks Sophia/Luke Stanley Park maze gate removal, discussion about Burrard Slopes Park, look for "what should we focus on" survey coming soon
- **Arbutus Greenway** Stan Greenway @ King Ed work complete, look for 41st Ave next, although it has been delayed by one year. A ride will be organized to look at these two intersections.
- Broadway Subway Anthony No update
- **Elections** Kay Council + PB commissioner voting record website to be re-released in advance of upcoming byelection. https://bikehub.ca/biking-city-mid-term-report-card
- East Side Crosscut Greenway Clark discussed below under Rupert/Renfrew Station Area planning
- Social Rides Anthony March 23rd Downtown/False Creek ride (cancelled), April 13th blossom ride from
  Trout Lake <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1302265223339">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1302265223339</a>. Use #socialrides on groups.io; see the
  meeting presentation for more details.
- **Secure Bike Parking** Eric Detailed report out on meeting with CoV re: bike racks. Discussion about bike rack mapping.
  - https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?hl=en&mid=1BxBk-VgGFVn-jO4--rPpnGwFW6OXvMc&ll=49.261 34570827649%2C-123.12730039545212&z=15 See slides for more details.

#### 7. Consultation/CoV Updates

- Seaside Greenway Detour at East Park/Olympic Village is in place but is narrow, congested. CoV has designed a new detour, details to be released soon.
- Chilco Water Supply Tunnel Project work in Stanley Park underway, with AT impacts at the Chilco shaft site, the Burrard Inlet shaft site, and planned heavy truck traffic along Pipeline Road. Use caution.
- King Edward bike lanes west of Macdonald implemented as part of road and utility improvements included
  parking protected bike lanes in some blocks. Letters written to CoV, immediate response received; we will
  follow up in coming weeks.
- Granville Connector/Drake St bikeway/Pacific Blvd updates (photos). Expect opening soon.
- Gastown Pedestrian Zone for summer 2025: Water St closed to motor vehicles on limited Sundays in summer, Cordova two-way traffic trial, counterflow east-bound protected lane on Water St (quick build)
- Upcoming anticipated consultations: Civic District (including 10th Ave between Cambie & Yukon, look for new secure bicycle parking facility in plan); Gastown Pedestrian Streets; Portside Greenway preferred design; Burrard Slopes park; Killarney neighbourhood traffic management plan
- See the meeting presentation slides for more details on all of the above.

### 8. UBC Day

- VULC May meeting (May 20th) will be hybrid, the in-person will be on UBC Campus
  - Need help securing room/lecture theatre
- Guest speaker will be Dr. Alex Bigazzi, Department of Civil Engineering, head of REACT Lab
- Will invite staff/faculty/students from: SCARP, SPPH, ReROW, UBC Bike Kitchen, UBC C&CP, others? Please suggest others
- Social/mixer afterwards
- Watch groups.io for more info

### 9. Local Committee Correspondence/Meetings

- Letter to CoV re: W King Edward bike lanes
- Email to CoV re: Arbutus/W20th access ramp to the Arbutus Greenway (see slides)
- Meeting with CoV re: bike racks (with Secure Bike Parking WG)

## 10. Board/Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Update

- Bike the Night will be back this year, will include riding over the Granville Connector.
- HUB staff research team has received funding related to a bike parking retrofit program for older buildings

#### 11. Other business

No other business

20:00 Meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be April 15th, 2025, on Zoom.