



Attendees:	Jeff (co-chair), Anthony F (co-chair), Ron R, Stan F, Mike V, Dan, Tim, Lisa S, Kevin M, Ryan S, Eric S, Anthony B, Kay T, Charlene, Patrick, Clark, Lucy, Ivana, Mike T, David. Guest: Paul K. Total Attendees: (22)
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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 Apr: Approved

Key Action Items outstanding from last meeting		
	Everyone	Please report infrastructure issues through the Van311 App to have them addressed by the City. Ongoing
	Anthony	Social rides: April 23rd, May 2nd completed (May 2nd ride ppd to May 9th) COMPLETE
	Anthony	Update guiding principles with feedback COMPLETE

4. Announcements see also bikehub.ca – updated regularly and see also our [Local Committee wiki](#)

- Visit <https://bikehub.ca/> regularly for up-to-date news, <https://bikehub.ca/vancouver-ubc> for LC information
- Follow us on Twitter [@HUBVancouverUBC](#) or on Mastodon [@HUBVancouverUBC@mstdn.ca](#)
- At the end of our regular meeting, at 8 pm, we will have several Zoom breakout rooms set up for some of our working groups. Access will be direct from the main meeting, with no need to log in separately. More details will be provided in the meeting.

5. Volunteer Call-outs

- General Gordon Elementary Spring Fling (Bayswater/W 6th in Kits)
Sunday, May 28th, 2pm-5pm, 1 hr shifts, 3-6 volunteers
- Tour de Concord Bike Festival (Concord Pacific Plaza, north of Science World)
Saturday, June 10th, 11am-3pm (plus setup/teardown). 1 hr shifts, 8-10 volunteers

6. Upcoming Events

- Vancouver Historical Society talk by John Belshaw: “Reckless Riders and Reckless Writers: Cycling Accidents in the News since 1886”. May 25th, 7pm, online & in-person at MoV. Info here: <https://www.vancouver-historical-society.ca/events.html>
- Spring Spokes Community Bike Ride (North Vancouver). Sunday, June 2nd, 2pm-. Meet at Shipyards. More info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/710260474121047/>
- **VULC Social Ride**: Tour de River District, 15.5 km. Tuesday, June 6th, 7pm-9pm. Meet at SE corner of Langara Golf course. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/635165014657>

7. Guest Speaker: Paul Krueger, City of Vancouver on the Portside Greenway

Paul reviewed the current state of the Portside Greenway, thoughts about how it could be improved, and issues surrounding the project. Currently, the project is broken into four sections: Alexander, Powell, Wall, and Bridgeway. The most difficult, and perhaps most important section is the one between McLean and Semlin. Paul discussed each section in detail. Suggestions from the committee included: making a new park at Heatley; painting the Powell St overpass barriers with a mural; converting Powell St to 3 lanes of motor vehicle traffic with a centre counterflow lane so that a bidirectional separated mobility lane could be included; a pull-out on the Powell St overpass to enjoy the view; moving the bus to Pandora; making Powell wider on the south side of the street and shifting the lanes; creating a bike path south of the tracks but north of the buildings on Powell; creating more parks across Wall St like on Pt Grey Road; and better signage and wayfinding. After the presentation, he took questions. Please visit the Information Boards here:

<https://syc.vancouver.ca/projects/portside-greenway/portside-greenway-phase-1-information-boards.pdf> and take the survey here: https://www.shapeyourcity.ca/portside-greenway/survey_tools/survey-1.

The survey closes May 25th.

Anthony and Jeff will write a formal Local Committee letter to the project.

8. Advocacy Principles (Anthony)

We reviewed the advocacy principles again, added one with respect to safe and secure bike parking and end-of-trip facilities. We had more discussion about the term “avid cyclists” and decided to replace it with “fast, confident cyclists”. There was discussion to explicitly state “All ages and abilities are the priority” or similar. Also discussion that separation should be between all modes, not just bikes and cars. And to be sure to avoid “cyclists”, using “people on bikes” instead. Another principle was suggested: direct routes, not winding routes. **The principles will be finalized at the next meeting.**

9. Groups.io (Anthony)

We discussed switching from Google Groups as an email list to “groups.io”. Groups.io is used by the parent HUB Cycling organization and VULC members have missed some emails from staff. Further, groups.io allows members to subscribe to certain topics like volunteer opportunities, special events, particular working groups, etc. However, new members to groups.io are set to receive just special announcements, so nothing will change for people who don’t want change, other than receiving email from a different source address, and receiving a low volume of email from HUB staff. Groups.io will further empower members to discuss their own topics with other members, so that there can be discussion outside of the monthly meetings. Lastly, groups.io also has a web interface for those who prefer the “forums” experience. It even supports RSS <https://hubcycling.groups.io/g/vancouver-ubc/rss>. Consensus was this move was a good thing, so Anthony will begin the process before the next meeting.

10. Updates from Working Group Leads.

Contact Jeff and Anthony (Vancouver@bikehub.ca) if you are interested in joining and/or forming a working group.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Updates from Working Groups		
Assessment Rides (Jeff, Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment rides are reviews of existing or potential bike routes within the City of Vancouver (CoV). Reports are generated and posted on our wiki. Our reports are used to advocate with municipal officials and provide them with recommendations. No assessment rides are planned this month. Discussion about an “Eastside Crosscut” ride south of the CVG but no ride scheduled. 	
Cycling in Parks (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stanley Park bike lane removal, Queen Elizabeth Park meeting, Kits Park improvements timeline. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further discussions held in the breakout room at 8 pm.. 	
Arbutus Greenway (Stan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	
Broadway Subway (Jeff and Anthony)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction updates are being received from the project office and published through our social media feeds. 	
East Van Greenway (Clark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul provided more insight into potential routing south of Hastings Park. 	
Municipal Election (Lisa)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update 	

11. Consultations (Anthony)

- The [Portside Greenway public engagement](#) closes May 25th.
- The [Imagine West End Waterfront](#) process is ongoing. We attended stakeholder meetings, and now [preliminary design approaches](#) have been released, and a [survey](#) is running until May 21st.
- Neighbourhood Plaza at Main and 14th, take the [survey](#).
- Queen Elizabeth Park. Met with CoV Engineering staff, did a site tour. Park Board consultation to begin later in 2023.
- More details on these and other current consultations at the links above, and in the [presentation](#).

12. Regional Advisory Committee Update (Jeff)

- Provincial changes to MVA passed 3rd reading, soon to receive Royal Assent
- We expect a government announcement on support for e bike purchases in the coming months

13. Board Update (Jeff)

- Our HUB Cycling AGM will be held September 21 2023, via Zoom. We are planning on organizing a Watch Party, likely at a community centre. Watch for more details closer to the event

14. Local Committee Correspondence

- We submitted a formal [letter to mayor and council](#) in support of the “Protecting People on Cornwall Avenue” member motion.
- We submitted a formal [letter to the Director of Transportation and the Parks Board General Manager](#) in support of reopening the West End Waterfront Seawall Path from Hornby to Bidwell

15. Other Business

- None

20:00 Meeting adjourned. Breakout rooms held to 8:30 (Cycling in Parks, and General Discussion)

Our next meeting will be June 20th, 2023.