

**Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 2023 - 5:45 pm - Maple Ridge Public Library**

1. Attendees: Jackie Chow, Ivan Chow, Jenny Wright, Cathy Acuna, Peter Jongbloed, Michael Nelson, Dave Rush, Antoinetta DeWitt, Asher Steed, Linda Kingston, Sigrun Gilmour
2. Minutes of previous meeting - approved with change to 4.1 second sentence: Will recommend budget be increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000.
3. Agenda for this meeting - approved with addition of: 5.4. Memorials - Dave (5); 5.5. Lougheed Hwy - Dave (5); 5.6. Active Transportation - Jenny (5).

**4. Old Business**

- 4.1. **ATAC PM** - October 16 meeting.

**Budget** - Staff does not recommend doubling budget to \$200,000.00. When it comes time for “Business Planning” ATAC members may bring up and ask for incremental increases.

**Upcoming Projects -**

Harris Road Feasibility Study - “Complete Streets” Lougheed Hwy to Airport Way to make suitable for “AAA”.

Push Button Flashing lights - Harris Road and Silver Bridge; Baynes Road.

Concern was expressed about Bonson Road and Airport Way - Narrow lane and awkward to get to push button to cross.

Bike Lane Repairs - Lougheed Hwy path between Harris Road and Kennedy Road. Roots are coming up and are hidden by leaves etc.

**TAC MR** - N/A.

- 4.2. **GETI Fest** - A woman spoke to Asher who is very interested in what we do and has experience with urban planning and transportation (intermodal). She gave

her email address and Asher will try to contact her.

People came up to our booth and were very positive with what we do.

Jenny suggested that maybe our questions need to be more focused as it seemed that a lot of people loved riding in Maple Ridge but they seemed to ride mostly on the dykes.

- 4.3. **HUB MRPM Booth at Seniors Volunteer & Activity Fair at Golden Ears United Church** - Jenny and Jackie manned the booth. Good contacts were made.

Jenny will follow up with Senior Centre Manager who said they would allow us to do a presentation for possible volunteers.

Jackie suggested the "Men's Shed" may be interested in helping with bike repairs. Linda said that she will speak with her husband about this.

## 5. **New Business**

- 5.1. **Meeting with Cathy Acuna and Navdeep Chhina regarding survey for 117th Avenue MUP** - Erin had met with Forrest and Mark and the feedback they got from residents was that residents loved it. They were to get back to Erin, Cathy or Navdeep with more information by have not yet. We are going to wait until we hear back before we give our feedback.

Cathy will talk to other Committees to get their thoughts on MUPs.

- 5.2. **HUB Banner Options** - it was voted at the meeting that we would order the rollup banner.

Michael will prepare a folder and send out for members to add pictures to which would be suitable for the banner. Jenny suggested that the picture should show someone riding on infrastructure we promote and not just show people riding their bikes in a group as it sends the message that we primarily organize leisure bike rides and not that our main focus is on safe

infrastructure to get more people cycling. Jackie suggested it could be of someone bicycle shopping.

- 5.3. **Xmas Get-together** - It was decided to have on December 10 at Michael's place. Michael will send out invite.

5.4. **Memorials**

Dave replaced the temporary bike memorial on Lougheed with Daphne's bike.

Constructors carefully removed the bike memorial on Airport Way and Dave installed it on a different guardrail nearby.

Dave found the location where a cyclist was killed last year on Ford Road and will put up a bike memorial there.

- 5.5. **Lougheed Hwy** - Dave was told by Mark and Forrest that the Gap between 216 and 220th on Lougheed Hwy. will be completed soon (either this summer or next) as money is in place for this.

- 5.6. **Active School Transportation** - Kirk Grayson advised Jenny that a ½ day symposium is planned to establish an after school working group for Active School Transportation. Jenny will contact Corporate Hub and ask who could help with this. She also asked our Committee if anyone could help if needed and Sigrun and Antoinetta indicated that they could.

Peter will let his ATAC group know.

6. **Roundtable**

- 6.1. Jackie and Jenny went to a meeting with Kevin Quinn, CEO of Translink and he indicated that they are focused on updating major transportation infrastructure in the Fraser Valley in 10 years, mainly the BRT for Lougheed Hwy and between Maple Ridge and Langley.

Jenny asked Kevin Quinn whether they check how the funds given to Municipalities to use for active transportation infrastructure is used.

- 6.2. Michael suggested sending out a question every month on RM Cyclist Web page or our Newsletter to do with Cycling. Asher said that we could have a card with a QR code that we could hand out at festivals etc. so people can answer the questions online.
- 6.3. Council Workshop Oct 10 - Jackie says they discussed improvements to active transportation going East - West. Also bike lockers within the City Centre. They have increased the biking network by 3 km. New long-term bike parking bylaws to encompass outside the downtown core from 220 to 236 Streets.
- 6.4. Asher suggested that they need a safe crossing from the 128 street MUP to Golden Ears Cheesecrafters. Jackie said that there was talk of a route along 126 Avenue then a pathway to the Cheesecrafters but that didn't happen. We suggested a crossing button for a flashing light but that may not be safe as the traffic moves quickly along 128 Avenue.