

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows "pizza-in-the-park" meeting Aug 18, 2014

In attendance: Peter, Geoff, Dave, Barry, Tracey, Ivan, Jackie

Regrets:

Notes

Past events:

- Sat. July 19: Bike ride to Katzie Slough with Watershed Watch Salmon Society and Scott Magri from Pitt Meadows. This ride was quite successful. Our biggest ride so far with 22 participants. We had two routes, one starting from Memorial Peace Park in Maple Ridge, joining the second group with Lina Azeez of WWSS, starting from the eastern parking lot at Meadowtown Mall. Included a picnic at Osprey Village, organized by Watershed Watch Salmon Society. This ride was to create awareness of Scott Magri's plans to clean up the Katzie Slough and to rehabilitate it as viable salmon habitat. (Jackie)

Upcoming events:

- Sept. 7, 1 pm: Bike to Farms ride Maple Ridge (Jackie, Dave, Peter). It's been difficult getting the farms (in particular Brookfield Farm) to commit to the ride, since it's during harvest season. Jackie's started working on the permits (highway use permit, special events permit). Will do more advertising this time, so hopefully we'll have a good turn-out.
- Sept. 20: GETI Fest (Jackie). Presence of e-Prodigy bikes has been confirmed. Mike Gildersleeve is running the "Station" at GETI Fest, where all forms of transportation of past, present and future are represented. He will be dealing with e-Prodigy. Also asked Kelly Hobbs of Caps to have someone from the Maple Ridge store at GETI Fest with some of their vintage bikes. No reply so far. Tracey suggested contacting Blair at the Maple Ridge store, and also Kelly's daughter Alicia, who visits all the stores. As in 3 previous years we'll run a bike decorating station and rodeo in front of the ACT. Jackie to look into prizes for decorations.
- Oct 27th to Nov 2nd: Fall Bike to Work Week. Peter J. will discuss with ATAC Pitt Meadows if they would like to be involved with Bike to Work Week. Our HUB committee can assist.

Other:

- 132 Ave. separated path: Jackie drafted an e-mail to the District with a suggestion to improve the surface of the separated path that's already been constructed. The surface is unsuitable for road bikes, and not great for all other bikes. Road and some other bikes stay on the road, which is not safe with too many cars passing too fast. The barrier makes it feel less safe now. In her draft letter she also suggested that the District look for ways that future extensions of the path could be improved to work for all users, including road cyclists. Jackie sent the draft to Bruce Hobbs and Barry Lyster, residents on 132nd Ave., the Alouette Valley Association,

and Kevin Priebe (132nd Ave resident and wheelchair athlete). Bruce Hobbs reacted rather unfavorably and clearly doesn't want us to do anything. Jackie also received an official letter from Alouette Valley Association, which was of a much more conciliatory tone. We will leave this alone for now, since the path is a done deal. When further extension of the separated path comes up, we can make suggestions for an improved surface and design to also accommodate road and other cyclists.

- Bike racks: suggestions for locations for 12 bike racks for Maple Ridge within BIA catchment area were submitted to BIA on July 25.
- 117th Ave. No clear consensus as to whether we should make a proposal for improvements.
- Meeting with Sgt. Bruce McCowan of RCMP: still not planned. Sgt McCowan wanted Michael Eng of Engineering to be present at a meeting if we want to talk about a review of cycling on the sidewalk, which was one of the recommendations that came out of the staff report (with RCMP and Social Planning Advisory Committee input) on dealing with issues with cyclists in the town core. According to Michael Eng no such review has been planned at this time. Probably good to discuss this anyway, because some council members continue to bring it up. Jackie to contact both after September activities.