

## **HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting Oct 10, 2013 notes**

**In attendance: Ivan, Tracey, Peter, Geoff , Jackie**

**Regrets: Barry B., Alex P. (Dave R. also away)**

Reviewed past events:

- August 18: Bike ride to Barnston Island. Dave Rush led this ride. Great to ride on the other side of the river on the beautiful separated path along Golden Ears Way, and to use the Tynehead bridge! Lovely ride around the island. See [blog posting](#).
- Sept. 7: Bike to Farms ride. See [blog posting](#). This ride was organized by Jackie together with Kim Lauzon of the Golden Ears Food Co-op as a fundraiser for the Co-op. We visited 3 farms: Golden Ears Cheesecrafters, Red Barn Plants and Produce, and Lorea's vegetable garden. We had 14 participants. Feedback was very good, and Kim had already been approached by Ridge Meadows Tourism, who would like to work together to do a ("Slow Food"?) ride next year. Since she talked to them, we heard that last year there was a fatal accident involving a cyclist at the Slow Food Cycle Tour in Agassiz (? , or Chilliwack?), so Kim may have second thoughts about doing another ride. Jackie will follow up when she has time.
- Sept. 21: Our committee participated with bike decorating + rodeo + bike parking at GETI Fest (Alex, Barb, Ivan, Geoff and Jackie volunteered). The RCMP Crime Prevention Unit was there for a few hours with a bike engraver. A rather disappointing event. Only about 5 bikes were decorated and 2 kids showed up for the bike rodeo, and probably about 7 bikes or so at the bike parking. Only one person showed up towards the end of the event, which lasted 5 hours, to have his bike engraved, but the engraver was long gone by then. We can borrow the engraver for future events.

Upcoming events:

- Oct. 12: ride to Cranberry Festival, Fort Langley. Canceled since nobody available to organize.

Other:

- Meeting to be planned with Haney Horsemen re 2013 trails map Parks and Leisure. Jackie will contact Bill Archibald (the Trail Boss of the HH), and Diane Stoesz (President) to meet and discuss the many problems with Parks and Leisure's new 2013 trail map. Geoff will attend meeting as well. Jackie had written a rather negative draft column for The News in August about the trails map that the horse people were not happy with, since they were quoted in the article as well, and they did not want to harm their good working relationship of 25 years with the District, so she did not send in the column. The old cycling, horse trail and walking trail maps were combined into one map, with most trails marked as "multi-purpose". Many of the horse- now multi-purpose trails lack the basics, such as bridges to cross rivers and creeks, and some trails are overgrown and unpassable. The information that was gathered by our 20 HUB/BAC volunteers over 2 years ago had not been used to update the cycling

portion of the map either. Also will need to meet with David Boag, Director of Parks and Facilities, and Danielle Pope, Manager of Business Operations.

- Bike to School update (Jackie). Jackie had contacted Maple Ridge Elementary School as well as Kanaka Elementary just before the end of last school year and both said they would submit an application for funding. **Maple Ridge Elementary** has sent in an application for funding for a Bike to School Program to Russ Carmichael (staff liaison BAC). Russ informed Jackie that the application was going to be forwarded to the Engineering Department. Jackie sent an e-mail reminder to the Principal of **Kanaka Elementary**, but did not receive a reply. Jackie had approached Leanne Koehn, who lives in Hammond, to see if the PAC at **Hammond Elementary** might be interested in a BtS program. Jackie put together some information and contact info of Scout Gray for further information, and Leanne was going to discuss with PAC to see if they're interested. No news yet on that.
- BAC update (Alex): October meeting is cancelled. Staff is preparing bylaw updates for Active Transportation Committee.
- X-mas social: no decision.