

Dear City of Coquitlam staff,

We are excited to see Coquitlam has started phase two of consultations for the Northeast Community Centre. This project will surely bring a plethora of recreational opportunities for people in the Burke Mountain area as well as other parts of the Tri-Cities and we look forward to its opening.

Given that the design is still in the early stages, we ask that secure bike parking be incorporated into the NECC. Ideally, we would prefer a system similar to the bike parkades at Lafarge Lake-Douglas Station or Burquitlam Station. Recognizing that this may not be feasible, however, we request that the City of Coquitlam use the recently-approved Bicycle Parking Design Guidelines for this facility, focusing on proper racks, lighting, cover, and good sightlines. We also ask that the facility have a “Loaner Lock Program” similar to that seen on Granville Island, where people arriving by bike can borrow a lock from the facility so they can avoid the hassle and cost of providing their own.

Although the topography of Burke Mountain proves challenging for now, we believe Coquitlam’s incoming e-mobility strategy will enable people of all ages and abilities to get to the NECC via more sustainable travel methods such as e-bikes and e-scooters. To further facilitate early adoption of electric-assist bicycles, the facility should provide secure charging locations in the bike parkade. This will be especially important for demographics such as youth who are too young to drive but would prefer not to (or are unable to) have a parent or guardian drive them to the facility. Lastly, the existing multi-use path on Burke Village Promenade already serves to connect people travelling by bike to the NECC via all ages and abilities infrastructure. Bike parking would give these travellers a place to store their bikes once they arrive.

Thank you for your time,

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About HUB Cycling

HUB Cycling is a charitable not for profit organization that has spent over 22 years removing barriers to cycling in Metro Vancouver, while cultivating the health, environmental, and economic benefits that active transportation can bring. HUB has educated thousands of people, motivated thousands more, and championed improvements that [#UnGapTheMap](#) to create a connected cycling network. HUB Cycling’s mission is to get more people cycling more often. HUB Cycling has close to 3,000 members and more than 45,000 direct supporters. HUB Cycling has 10 volunteer committees across Metro Vancouver that encourage cycling for all ages and abilities (AAA) in municipalities across Metro Vancouver. For more information, visit bikehub.ca.