

HUB Richmond/YVR Committee: *Meeting Agenda*

Date/Time: Thursday, October 12, 2023 • 7:00-8:30PM

Present: Jeff Yu, Yvonne Bell, Sheryl Atkinson, Derek Williams, Jesse Li, Donna Kwan, Devyn Cairns, Anna Chow, Cathy Lin

Online: Keith Lang, Quincy Wong

In-Person: Minoru Centre for Active Living (Cafeteria)

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Co-Chairs: Anna Chow, Donna Kwan, Jesse Li

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Check-in- name, pronouns; Call to order for agenda, new items welcome.

3. Items for Discussion

- Cambie Rd bus lane - updates?
 - See Jeff's email - Jeff found on open agenda Oct 16th council hearing, p. 106. Summary: City staff recommended route for R7 VRT (rapid bus) - No 3 Rd (see report) - every 3 to 15 minutes - Cambie Rd - city staff recommended bus lane that's planned be replaced with HOV lane. Reasoning - insufficient ROW for buses, cyclists would be allowed in the HOV lane. Concern - too much traffic for many cyclists to be comfortable.
 - Bus stops about every 1 km
 - Shell Rd trail will lead to Bridgeport trail or Alderbridge, which have bike lanes
 - Jeff - being passed by buses every 5-6 min. City also want to ban right turns on Cambie when possible during peak hours.
 - Jesse - when off-peak, it may be ok for some cyclists who are comfortable. Not the best solution but better than nothing.
 - Devyn - encouraging people to take transit reduces the number of cars, which indirectly improves cycling experience
 - HOV lanes might be more difficult to do enforcement
 - Consensus - bike lane would be better than HOV, bc would be passed only by buses and not constantly by cars (wouldn't make a big difference in comfort)
 - Jesse - need a presence at the next council meeting; **Action Item:** Jesse and Devyn will go; others can write letters

- Generally support a bus lane for reasons discussed above (passed only by buses and not constantly by cars); still not comfortable for all but may be better during off-peak hours
 - Also, speeding in HOV lane
 - Encouraging people to take transit reduces traffic overall
 - Derek - considering Translink funds cycling, we should support them
 - Jesse - proposes the alternate route for bus to go north on No 5 Rd and turn on Bridgeport. Also bc Cambie Rd is slated for a bike lane eventually.
 - However, Bridgeport Rd has heavy truck traffic & more difficult to get right of way.
 - Unlikely to get accepted by council, so don't bother recommending alternate route (keep things short and more impactful)
 - Jeff - city's logic is that Cambie is a "neighbourhood street", as part of future infrastructure
- Lansdowne Plan Phase 1 - opportunity to meet for update? (Zoe Boal)
 - To be held next Thursday, Oct 19, 7PM
 - Online - who will go? About 10 people. **Action Item:** Send out in the updates. Ask Zoe to send a Zoom invite.
- Update on RATC - No 2 Bridge - no RATC meeting this week
 - Derek - development on corner. Re: Foot of the bridge and the footpath that goes to Dover Crescent, there will be a merge problem. Merge lane, more cars will exit from the condo onto No 2 Rd. Derek's suggestion - to move the exit elsewhere. Nathan said it's gone too far along.
 - Devyn - suggests to close off entrance to No 2 Rd
 - Jeff - example in Taiwan - traffic lights that warn cyclists of approaching cars, and lights for drivers to stop?. Concern (Sheryl) - coming off the bridge is a speed trap for cars.
- Update on Great Blue Heron Way (Sheryl)
 - Elder Ruth will present at a greenway conference through Metro Vancouver Park Board in November, wants their endorsement
- Other council meeting updates (Sheryl)
- Alderbridge Way & No. 4 Rd - any updates? (Devyn)
 - No updates - can't find contact
 - Unlikely to have future updates
- Shell Rd Assessment - Report (Jesse, Devyn)
 - Sent to Nathan - no response other than general thank you received initially.

- No further action needed on our end.
- Knight St Bridge- city's plan to connect to them. - **Action Item:** Jesse - some gaps to the bridge, will bring up with Nathan
- Council voting records project - done. Sheryl
 - Sheryl - Richmond went against safety side guards on trucks but are going with something electronic. Jesse gave background of this project. Engineering analysis, more dangerous to install it than not. **Action Item:** Jesse will write a letter of thanks
- Rapid implementation ideas from OCP - Sheryl went through the map and recorded all the areas in Excel
 - Action Item: go through assessment of each "hub" to see if rapid implementation can be done. Sheryl will do west side and Anna the east side (No 3 Rd)
- Myeloma Canada Ride/volunteer - Donna
 - Referred person to the City. She would like someone to organize the ride. Donna responded by saying that HUB probably can't organize but if can get an organizer, the city may be able to ask volunteers, and HUB also closer to the date.
- Play Streets Initiatives, Society for Children and Youth of BC (Anna)
 - Jesse and Anna met with Zoe Howell. SCY got a Vision Zero grant to carry out six events in Richmond. Street closures for play and use bikes, scooters. Opportunity for us to participate. We could do some games/quizzes for the kids.
 - Question - long term "play streets"?
- Fall Go by bike week(s) - Oct 16 ~ Oct 29 - any volunteers for Celebration Station?
 - Sheryl, Yvonne, maybe Devyn, maybe Jeff
- Cathy Acuna, now Community Organizer for HUB (Jonathan Mak's replacement)
 - Oct 30th - Jesse and Anna will meet via Zoom
- [Upcoming Public Works & Transportation Meeting](#) (next Thursday)
 - Truck side guards report is out
 - Repaving program is out
 - (fill in point)
 - Larry Ford - contact for paving
 - Jeff - repaving No 3 rd from Capstan Rd to Alderbridge - can we ask for increased signage? Have been told they've been planning signs for 5 years
- South Arm community center covered bike parking (Jesse)

- Bike parking is not under the covered walkway. Jesse's contact, Mark would like them to move the bike parking to under the walkway, there is space. Mark wrote a letter and Jesse will help send it via HUB (on letterhead)
- Review action items [from last meeting](#)
- Review progress on the [ongoing initiatives list](#)
- Assign action items
- Senior Center Spring HUB classes - Keith proposes - the next spring edition - we should have central HUB instructors to give classes in how seniors can cycle safely in Richmond. It would not only help the seniors, but can help the young, as any are grandparents. Who would pay for it? In English and Cantonese? Class I and II? A lot of people have bought e-bikes - they also need help.
 - Donna - it's been done at the Trout Lake Community Centre - can talk to a community centre about. Maybe we can ask Cathy Acuna.
 - Keith - it's been done at Richmond Hospital
 - Jesse - **Action Item - Keith** - need to ask the City of Richmond/Active Centre for Living (check program catalogue) to get something added to the program list and ask HUB about whether or not an instructor could do this program. Action: Send Cathy Acuna's email to Keith.

5. Action Items

- **Anna** - send followup email with minutes
- **Jesse** - create agenda for next meeting
- **Everyone** - write letters to council by October 16th regarding R7 rapid bus supporting bus lane instead of HOV lane
- **Devyn** - Prepare to attend council on October 16th re: bus lane
- **Jesse** - inform Zoe Boal about interest in Lansdowne Plan presentation.
- **Jesse** - Share information on how to volunteer for HUB celebration email
- **Jesse** - Stay in touch with Nathan re: gaps in Cycling Network Plan leading up to Knight St. Bridge
- **Jesse** - write letter of thanks regarding staff's investigation into improving safety for heavy trucks
- **Sheryl & Yvonne, plus other people interested** - get in touch with HUB main office to volunteer for Go By Bike Weeks
- **Yvonne** - get in conversation with Steveston business association
- **Jesse** - complete Mark's letter & send to South Arm community centre

- **Keith** - look into having HUB bike instruction courses listed in Richmond's Senior Centre Spring classes
 - Contact HUB office and ask about what's required to hold cycling instruction events
 - Contact City of Richmond and find out what's required to get education program listed

6. Next meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2023, 7:00-8:30PM. If you have items for the agenda, please email richmond@bikehub.ca (Possible break in January and February 2024)

RESOURCES

Organizational documents

- [New member onboarding](#)
- [Ongoing Initiatives](#)