

Director of Engineering

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Mr. Hartman,

We understand that the City is looking to fill the position of [Director of Engineering](#). It's a super important position, especially now that our city is experiencing such unprecedented growth and significant densification in the Town Centre and along the Lougheed Transit Corridor. It's Council and staff's goal to get more people out of their cars and onto transit and using active transportation to get around, and the 2023 STP is supposed to help us achieve that. This is a huge shift from what we've seen in previous decades. It will require significant resources and staffing to guide these changes in the right direction, with the best possible results, so that hopefully we can avoid major gridlock.

As you know, our HUB Cycling Local Committee strongly advocates for more people to cycle more often, for many reasons that benefit not only the individual, but also the community and society as a whole. We believe that one of the most important ways to achieve the desired changes is to ensure that the active transportation network becomes better connected, more comfortable and safer for all users, for people walking, cycling and rolling, including new micromobility users. It's critical to provide high quality connections for all vulnerable road users - just like we always do for people driving cars - to help people connect to transit and to facilitate multi-modal transportation, as well as to provide an alternative to the car for the many short trips made within the municipality.

We feel it's really important, now more than ever, that the future Director of Engineering is forward looking, has a strong interest in, up-to-date knowledge and understanding of, and ample experience in designing and implementing active transportation infrastructure. We urge you to ensure that these attributes are among the prerequisites for this position as you select our new Director of Engineering.

Sincerely,

*HUB Cycling
Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Committee*

