

HUB - New Westminster  
Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room  
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)  
Wednesday February 21, 2024

Present: Brad Barber (online), Andrew Feltham (online; arrived 6:47 pm; left at 7:15 pm), Shane Griffin, Damian Gryski, Heidi Hizsa, Jarad Suddaby (left at 7:31 pm), Fulton Tom (Minutes)

Call to order: 6:14 PM

1. Meeting Openers

a) Welcoming newcomers & introductions

b) Check-In - Fulton will cycle a portion of the Centennial Trail in Washington State, a 48 km long former railway route that starts at Nakashima Heritage Barn and ends in Snohomish

c) Review of Agenda - Completed

2. Advocacy

a) 2024 Priorities – Members were encouraged to take on cycling projects that interest them.

Damian is working on a Bike to School Week project at Skwo:wech Elementary School; he met with Chad Principal Chad and has the support of the Parent Advisory Council. Jarad suggested that Damian reach out to MEC and Tim Hortons for support.

b) HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report - No new information.

c) Youth Advocates - HUB-NW members are assisting Ella, President of the New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) Environmental Club, with planning for student-led Bike to School Week activities (see [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_1eOEDdJ1iF-blObjkdGghtyV0OhZkKtMPnq4e6-Q4/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_1eOEDdJ1iF-blObjkdGghtyV0OhZkKtMPnq4e6-Q4/edit)). The February meeting did not proceed. Andrew suggests that HUB can offer in-kind support for the activities.

d) Bike Signal Removal (7th Avenue at 8th Street) - Andrew suggested that the stop sign at 8th Street be moved to the left of a separated bike lane when 7th Avenue is upgraded for cycling. The stop sign would not apply to cyclists and the bike signal can be reinstalled.

e) Construction & Flagging Issues - Mike Anderson, CoNW Transportation Manager, is aware that contractors are not always following the City's guidelines regarding construction that impacts cycling routes but the City does not have the resources to monitor contractors for compliance. He also noted that See Click Fix is not the appropriate avenue to notify the City of these concerns.

f) Sociable Tandem Bike - Jarad would like to see the community have access to a sociable tandem bike, which accommodates an upright cyclist in the back and a recumbent cyclist in front such as a Pino AllRound (see <https://www.hasebikesusa.com/tandem-pino-allround.html>).

Action: Jarad will write a proposal for the project.

g) Stewardson Way Upgrade - TransLink is planning an upgrade of a portion of the BC Parkway that includes a wider and safer multi-user path along Stewardson Way (see <https://www.translink.ca/plans-and-projects/projects/maintenance-and-upgrade-program/cycling-projects>).

### 3. Activities

a) Ride Leader Training (Saturday April 6) - Members were encouraged to attend the workshop.

b) Right Turn on Red Campaign Virtual Meeting (Tuesday February 27) - Members were encouraged to attend the meeting.

c) Earth Day Ride (Sunday April 21) - Tasha Henderson and Tammy Dewar are organizing the ride. Volunteer ride leaders and sweeps are required for the ride.

d) Community Bike Month - Fulton has applied for a ParticipACTION Community Challenge grant to fund the collection and repair of bicycles to give away.

e) Go by Bike Week (Monday June 3 - Sunday June 9) and Bike to School Week (Monday June 3 - Friday June 7) - No new information.

Adjourned: 7:44 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday March 20 at 6 pm