

# AGM 2018 - HUB-North Shore Update

## HUB-North Shore focuses on Actions and Events

- We were present at 4 events across the North Shore through Spring and Summer 2018 including the City of North Vancouver's Earth Day event, North Vancouver Canada Day celebrations and Bike the Shore organized by Escape Adventures in Lynn Valley on two occasions.
- Each year we host Fall and Spring Bike to Work Week (BTWW) stations. These events allow us to connect with people who cycle, but also those who want to cycle. This makes us a better advocate in our relationships with the municipalities. This year we supported two spring BTWW stations at Grand Boulevard and 19<sup>th</sup>, as well as at the east side of the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge. In addition we are committed to support HUB's North Shore Bike-to-Shop initiative by guiding participant groups from the city to North and West Vancouver. This initiative is well received by the West business community.
- I would like to thank in particular our events coordinator Don Piercy as well as Frederick Rathje for their efforts maintaining our presence on many a rainy Saturday
- We continue to build relationships and awareness in the three municipalities: DNV, CNV, DWV
  - In the past we have completed delegations to all three municipal Councils which is an important means of keeping HUB-North Shore present in the minds of Mayors and Councils
  - This year we have been focusing to improve relationships with staff directly and have had numerous meetings with them in all 3 municipalities and with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure staff
    - In the DNV we have started to ask for their repaving plans
    - CNV has undergone a reorganization that will allow HUB to work directly with a planning group
    - DWV Engineering Staff meet routinely with us to review bike network upgrading plans
- With HQ support we have engaged in significant letter writing to Mayors and Councils and to MoTI over the last three years:
  - 2016 – 18 letters
  - 2017 – 26 letters
  - 2018 – 12 letters, in the first 8 months

Letters are generally well received by staff and Councils. We try to be strategic about who we target. Our message is strong due to the knowledge of key members in HUB-North Shore, who have been studying Best Practices in bike infrastructure.

Key Themes: cycling safety - visibility of cyclists and separated bike lanes

- Our opinions on bike infrastructure are being sought, increasingly in the early stages of some projects.
- Regular guest visits by municipal staff to committee meetings
- Reactive input to authorities and media following collisions involving cyclists

**Key successes in the last year, by municipality:**

DWV – Approval of Welch St Bridge improvements (behind Park Royal South and key connection point to Lions Gate Bridge) and participation in 20-in-20 program from HUB Cycling featured on the CBC Early Edition. Fourteen members of the WV Seniors Activity Centre's cycling clubs have been funded by DWV to participate (and graduate) from HUB's Advance Your Ride Train the Trainers program

DNV – Brooksbank and Keith Road major intersection changes (part of Lower Lynn Highway 1 Interchange upgrades) will feature a protected intersection for bikes. Construction is underway.

CNV – Completion of Spirit Trail connection through Mosquito Creek Marina. City invested almost \$7M to complete this pathway along the waterfront; as well as construction guidelines for contractors that will help prevent construction signs being in the bike lane, similar to a City of Vancouver initiative. We plan to encourage other North Shore municipalities to do the same.

**Looking forward to 2018 in each municipality, we are most excited about:**

DWV – Riding the Welch St bridge changes and the forthcoming bike path connections between the Hwy 1/99 Capilano Bridge, Keith Rd and 3<sup>rd</sup> St, but also plans were shown for much more cycling dedicated infrastructure around Park Royal as they proceed with building new residential towers in the area. Peter Scholefield is working tirelessly to encourage increased investment by DWV and Park Royal in their bike networks.

DNV – Additional protected bike intersection at Crown St. and Mountain Highway and improvements to Phibbs Exchange, as well as completion of the Lower Lynn interchanges project bringing improvements in cycling infrastructure and linking numerous North Vancouver town centers including Lynn Valley.

CNV – additional expansion of the bike network with protected lanes on the 100 block west Esplanade

Lastly – MoTI, DNV, CNV are cooperating on the replacement of Highway 1 infrastructure in Lower Lynn. We are hoping to improve the connections to the Second Narrows Bridge by separating on/off ramps from bike and pedestrian overpasses. This may not be possible, but HUB Cycling North Shore has sent letters to the North Vancouver MP as well as all North Shore MLAs, DNV, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

HUB is being actively consulted on the design of the new Hwy 1 interchanges and our members, Giacomo Falorni and Antje Wahl, are doing their best to ensure we make the most of this once in a generation opportunity. We are also reaching out to other cycling organizations, mainly North Shore Mountain Bike Association (NSMBA) to drive home the importance of the changes on this project. Together we have sent joint letters that are helping drive our common messages.

**In summary**, a busy and successful year in promoting cycling and real bike network improvements, large and small; and in building working relationships with Council staff, the transportation authorities and key elected representatives of local and Provincial Government.