

HUB Richmond/YVR Committee: *Meeting Minutes*

Date/Time: Thursday, Jan 11 • 7:00-8:30PM

Place: Online on Google Meet for this meeting

Google Meet Info

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

Present: Donna Kwan, Jesse Li, Devyn Cairns, Ivan Chan, Vincent Chiu, Derek Lai, Jeff Yu, Sheryl Atkinson, Anna Chow

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Check-in- name, pronouns; Call to order for agenda, new items welcome.
- New people:
 - Vincent Chiu - used to work for a Dutch company, became passionate about cycling, replaced his transit/cycling commute with an e-bike
 - Derek Lai - in Public Health, lives in Vancouver, wants to know more

3. Items for Discussion

- Jeff as Wiki admin
 - Jeff Yu has offered to take on this role, previously unfilled
 - We are supposed to upload our meeting agendas and meeting minutes to help the community understand what we are engaged in
- Trying to get in touch with Steveston Merchant's Association (Jesse)
 - Currently a Steveston Streetscape public engagement going on by the City of Richmond
 - Goal to see if Steveston might be in favor of for example reallocating parking space to create more pedestrian space
 - Yvonne has managed to contact the Merchant's Association; Jesse has been unsuccessful
 - Sheryl may have a contact through her hairstylist
 - Jeff believes the MA is quite conservative on bike issues and especially parking and may not want to respond in order to not cause controversy
 - Jesse mentioned he might have been better off not starting with parking and talking about bike lanes instead
 - Jeff, Vincent have connections to Village Bikes, they may be able to advocate?
- November Social ride recap(Devyn) - summarized the fall ride, ended up along the dyke, it went well. (details?). Will plan one for February (Sheryl is willing to help. Met some

people who lived in Amsterdam, and have some good ideas on what we can possibly mimic. Geography in Amsterdam and Richmond is similar, but Amsterdam has much better bike infrastructure. Devyn has visited before, a bit of history - people protested because of children's safety/road deaths. Vincent Chiu- eg. gradual grades are done in Amsterdam, not expensive to implement. Devyn - Richmond has a lot of materials dedicated to parking. Those are roads that could be done better, but it's a lot of work to get people to want it done better for cycling. Jesse - 15-year plan, slowly, the city is taking focus on better infrastructure. Continue to support this plan, and push back on delays. Devyn - HUB Richmond has gone to Council to support Steveston MUP. Jesse - try to support the easy ones.)

- Arterial road driveways (Yvonne) - Jesse - Richmond has by-laws where developments need to have a driveway onto an arterial road. We've never been able to find out why. Yvonne is trying to contact Council and hopefully get them to change it.
- HUB education with seniors (Keith) - Jesse - Keith is trying to get main HUB office to offer their bike education events in Richmond.
- Fraser Tunnel (George Massey) replacement; detailed design engagement coming next fall (2024)
 - Reference design is ready - not going to change it yet since its purpose is a baseline for contractor. They will wait for feedback.
 - Active transportation path will be 5m wide - separate tunnel down the middle. Plenty of space for walking/cycling. Full u-turn as you come out, the corridor double-backs on itself, some cycling groups have said it's odd. Look out for the feedback in a few months. Sheryl - discussion about connections from Delta and coming out. Jeff - are lanes protected at? Yes
Jesse - funding has been approved for Steveston from Shell Rd to Railway, and recently to tunnel.
- Richmond's 5 year capital plan, Shell Rd & Alderbridge way intersection is being upgraded/designed for
- 2024 action plan
 - Most important items on the [initiatives list?](#)
 - Rapid implementation options?
 - *Action* - Everyone - look over and provide feedback on the capital plan, on Richmond Talks
 - Part of MUP on Shell is on CN Rail road and they've been slow to respond, so other routes have been prioritized.

- Shell Road and Alderbridge Way have had design funding. One of top dangerous intersections. We did assessment ride on Shell Road and pointed out some things that could be improved at this intersection, hopefully they'll take it into consideration.
- Ivan - Protected left turn signals? Left turn clashes are the problem. Need protected left turn signals eastbound and westbound, cause cars coming off highway are really careless and drive at high speeds. Only turn left when light is green. The channelized right turn isn't an issue right now. People misjudge the left turn and crash. Jesse - the channelized turns are not great shown in studies - people turn fast, and the shoulder check is awkward. Devyn - it's also the speed and angle, high speed around the corner and someone can get hit. *Action:* Ivan - contact Nathan Andrews to suggest the left turn lane. Ivan also suggested the share the road sign at River Rd and Shell Rd. Jesse - the 30km sign on Shell Road near River, is only on the east side, but not on the west side. Devyn - at Alderbridge and Shell - ask for a leading pedestrian indicator. Allow pedestrians and cyclists to go first before the cars are allowed to go. Jeff - concern with that - right now automatically timed, they may remove it. Ivan will let them know.
- Jeff - Question about Gilbert Road - how are they going to implement the MUP? Wide sidewalk around the Gateway Theatre near the hospital. Engineered to look like an MUP but not sure what's going on. Jesse - read about an off road lane - not sure. *Action* - Jeff will ask Nathan
- Jesse - what to focus on for 2024?
 - Events - not well defined
 - Council - Sheryl has been doing a great job of monitoring Council. We should get the Council voting records soon before the election. *Action* - Jesse - will ask office for?
 - Affordable Homes project on Steveston/Railway
 - Explore bike parking initiatives - do some research to try and get it into the budget for next year. Vincent - Vancouver had a contest for bike parking - didn't cost much, and was creative - such as bird shapes, etc. Might be good for Richmond. Vancouver also has parking for different types of bikes. Single pole and loop are accessible and easy to use for certain bikes. Devyn - we have racks, and it's hard to bike some bikes unless tie it to the side. Jeff - loops that Translink is using are inexpensive. Devyn - New Westminster also has

user-friendly bike parking, shaped like bicycles, fun, with lots of points to tie a U-lock to as well.

Links from Vincent Chiu

- <https://vancouver.ca/streets-transportation/bike-rack-design-contest.aspx>
- <https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/bike-rack-design-contest-summary.pdf>

Winning designs received \$2000 each

- Action - Vincent - will ask City of Richmond about this.
- Action - suggestion that Jeff work with Yvonne on to work on getting rid of driveways onto arterial streets.
- Action - Rapid implementation - Look at plan for suggestions - Sheryl, Anna, and Jesse will now help out. Sheryl - Shell Rd and Rice Mill Rd; Marine Way near the Casino....when weather gets better, we can take a closer look.
- Update on RATC (Jesse) - [RATC Meeting Notes](#)
 - Introduced RATC. Suggestion for attendees to volunteer as well.
 - Devyn - Alderbridge/No 4 Rd - Nathan - the city has contacted the land owner and they will get that solved
 - 2024 - Richmond will install a lot of bike counters (blue stars on map are proposed locations; yellow are existing locations). Sensors will differentiate between scooters and cyclists, and pedestrians. If you have ideas for where more bike counters can go, contact Nathan.
 - Nathan is preparing a gap list - not addressed by cycling plan or OCP. eg. Knight St Bridge, as come off to Richmond has a gap. If think of anything, let Nathan know.
 - RATC Objectives - See [notes](#)
 - Island Bike Tour
 - Engagement events for Steveston Streetscape
 - Vincent - Garden City and Sea Island Way - drivers just do whatever they want. Have an editorial - will forward to Nathan. Devyn - bollards/dividers, if bike through, have to deal with crosswalk and traffic. Vincent - lots of shoulder checking, feels unsafe. Jeff - no bike lane after Sea Island. Vincent - Costco entrance is bad too. Not sure if lighting or signage would help.
- Update on Great Blue Heron Way (Sheryl)
 - A GBHW member mentioned that she volunteers with a seniors group, "Cycling without Age", that had recently purchased a Tri-shaw, likely an electric bike with a carriage attached. She rides the bike and they place 2 or 3 seniors from local long-term care facilities in the carriage and ride them around the False Creek/Chinatown area.

- Update on council meetings (Sheryl)
- Update on budget (Donna) - Also on board with Richmond Cares/Richmond Gives. If have capital expenditure. Have \$600. Rented room at Caring Place; Garlic Festival Ride with door prizes. \$188.58 left, including remaining of rentals (Fiscal year starts in March). Do we want to get together in February and get some goodies? Vincent - Van City has grant funds - applications might be worth it if need more.
- Advocacy workshop recap (Jesse, Anna)
 - Jesse - online workshop hosted by HUB. Few presenters from various city staff members to improve advocacy work. One on one conversations are better than phone or email. Get to know the councilors and their interests. Have coffee with them, even if have different political agendas. Work with other groups if possible, work on behalf of diverse interests such as others needing an MUP, or green infrastructure (for climate change, health) that can be included with bike infrastructure. Review the upcoming budget (3 types of budgets - operations, capital, and utility) to see where advocacy can be strategically done as city council will already be addressing that issue.
 - Devyn - just because a bike lane is designed, it doesn't mean it's safe. Such as car doors opening.

5. Action Items

- **Anna** - send followup email with minutes
- **Jesse** - create agenda for next meeting
- **Jeff, Vincent** - have connections to Village Bikes, they may be able to advocate for more pedestrian space in Steveston?
- **Everyone** - look over and provide feedback on [Richmond's Financial Plan](#) via Richmond Talks. Deadline, Sunday, January 21, 2024
- **Vincent** - will ask City of Richmond about possibly doing a contest similar to Vancouver's on bike parking structures.
- **Jeff** - suggestion that Jeff work with Yvonne on to work on getting rid of driveways onto arterial streets.
- **Sheryl, Anna, and Jesse** - Rapid implementation -Look at plan for suggestions - when weather is better, go out to look at sites to see what's possible.
- **Donna** - use remaining budget for the year for next gathering?

6. Next meeting: Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, 7:00-8:30PM in-person and online. If you have items for the agenda, please email richmond@bikehub.ca Last meeting before summer hiatus. Can meet or discuss informally as issues arise.