

# HUB Richmond/YVR Committee: *Meeting Minutes/Rough Notes*

**Date/Time:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 • 7:00-8:30PM

**Place: Virtual via Google Meet**  
[meet.google.com/ubj-opdx-dok](https://meet.google.com/ubj-opdx-dok)

**In-Person** - TBD, please RSVP

**PRESENT:** David Vaughn, Rachelle Hardman, Victoria Jackson, Yvonne Bell, Devyn Cairns, Sheryl Atkinson, Anna Chow, Donna Kwan, Jesse Li, Mary (Sheryl's friend and whose condo we're meeting at)

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

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

## 3. Items for Discussion

- Vanishing bike lane off bridge, No 2 Rd/Westminster Hwy (David Vaughn)
  - Repaving #2 Rd/Westminster Hwy - through Lynas Lane. Noticed they were putting old bike lane markers down. Really dangerous paint design. Contacted City of Richmond, got in touch with engineering team. It was painted the way it was before. Also, signs are small. All bike signs are super small in Richmond!
  - Sheryl - lives nearby, very familiar with it. Future plan in place, two new buildings on No 2 Rd in near future. Plan to re-route from overpass to #2 Rd, making it one way. Plan to remove right turn island entirely. Not sure why they re-painted it if are going to rip it up again. (Asked for barrier)
  - David showed video where the bike lane abruptly ends into concrete barrier. Someone can get pinned there if they don't know the route. Video also showed traffic driving into bike lane. (shared to the City)
  - Sheryl, 3 vehicles - jumped sidewalk and crashed into property. Top 10 intersections for crashes, this is #2. Most bike clubs avoid this route. Victoria - also stays away from that route.
  - David - got note from Bill Dhaliwahl in Transportation - (too narrow?) but untrue - they have enough width and could've had a contiguous bike lane. Staff will review southbound...will plan arrows re: sharing the lane.
  - **\*Action Item** - Sheryl - to find the documentation for it; timeline for island to be removed; can contact Nathan Andrews about this issue (sign also needs to be early on the bridge (David); green paint where merge is, and in the right hand

turn lane, or bike sharrows, to encourage cyclists to take the lane before they turn the corner so they won't be pinned (Jesse); signs that show that motorists and cyclists should share the road (Victoria); find engineering contact (City of Richmond - Anna)

- Sheryl - NE, two new buildings, driveways will be where the merger lane will be, this is planned.
  - Donna - like the area near Granville Ave/Garden City....
  - David - would like another contact for engineering (other than Nathan)
  - Donna - we're a volunteer organization, don't have more pull than the individual. To David - do what you're doing, back each other up.
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- Action Item - Jesse - from Jonathan - Vancouver took notes on voting records - Jesse interested in helping out looking through council records to see what Richmond Councilors voted on re: bikes (Yvonne, Sheryl, Devyn)
  
  - Arthur Laing Bridge - Bike lane dividers (Ashok Mathur)
    - (Jesse) Received email from Ashok - bridge has already been built. Potentially a joint letter with main HUB. Jonathan will keep us in the loop, no response yet. (Donna/David) Looks like they widened the lanes. Fresh paint
  
  - Update on RATC (Derek/Jesse)
    - (Jesse) Introduced RATC to newcomers. Currently on break. No updates.
  
  - Update on Great Blue Heron Way (Sheryl)
    - (Sheryl) David Gray, engineer by trade, connections with YVR. Will arrange meeting with YVR planning to discuss active transportation plans for Sea Island. Meeting will be in the fall. Sheryl has been invited. Also, another group member, Sandra Jones from HUB Delta, working with Trails BC and Metro Vancouver - meeting in fall with Tim of Surrey/White Rock HUB re: Semiahmoo Trail connection with Knicklemacke (?) and ?? Bay, to connect with Great Blue Heron Way trail to eventually the new Massey Tunnel project. Asking if Richmond HUB can act as an advocate or liaison with other HUB Committees. All part of great projects - Trans-Canada Trail, and ?
    - **Action Item** - Sheryl will let us know of when the meetings will be held.
  
  - Translink On-demand bike lockers (Jesse for Amy)
    - (Jesse for Amy) - Amy had some bad experiences with bike lockers and sent photos to Evan Hammer and Navdeep at HUB. Haven't heard back yet. New key locks have replaced the old locks. Vulnerable as locks can be broken.

- Steveston & Railway affordable homes advocacy & Council Meeting July 18th (Jesse, Yvonne)
  - (Jesse) Rezoning - controversy - ppl thought it would encourage drug addicts, etc., it isn't.
  - Women and children/families will live there
  - Along with Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition - went to Council. (A win) Went through (later, there's another approval for the building.)
- Other council meeting updates (Sheryl)
  - (Yvonne) Townhouse development on Granville, asked if can access off side street instead of Granville - half-baked answer. (Jesse) RATC brought up - City of Richmond, townhomes need to open onto arterial road. Problem - conflict with cyclists, but that is the City of Richmond policy.
  - (Q. from Anna) - is there any data and is it available to public on the types of collisions around driveways and arterial roads. (Sheryl and Victoria) - ICBC , police, the City?
- Alderbridge Way & No. 4 Rd - Developer update? (Devyn)
  - **Action Item:** Will reach out to agent. (Devyn) Issue - MUP, ends at empty lot sold for redevelopment (NW corner), and then continues again on the east side. Nothing can be done until redevelopment. Drawings show that the path will be included as an MUP to connect with the rest of it.
- Shell Rd Assessment - Report (Jesse, Devyn)
  - Looking for people who could review the report
  - (Jesse) - Ride done, need more review of the report. Case to be made to have the trail on the east side. Not many objections.  
(Sheryl) - also condo/townhome developments on west side, and that may be a conflict.
- Info about Copenhagen's cycling highways to Nathan? (Devyn)
- Garlic Festival Ride - Sunday, August 20th
  - (Jesse) - coming up soon, in two Sundays. Second time we've done it - slow community ride. (Donna) Slow ride to showcase the cycling the infrastructure we have in Richmond, traffic-calmed side streets, Crabapple Ridge, duck out at golf course to the Dyke (show the delta) and go into the Sharing Farm, into the Garlic Festival. Could go further to Canada Line Bridge, through Railway, back to Cannery, for lunch. (Pulled pork, veggie option and sides)
  - (Victoria) - try to connect with RATC, and other community org's.
  - (Donna) - has asked councilors, mayor; tell friends/family

- 22 people registered so far, 50 max.
- Driveways onto arterial roads (Jesse, Yvonne)
- Council voting records project
  - Looking for people to help review council meeting minutes
- Lansdowne Mall Consultation (Jesse, Anna)
  - (Jesse & Anna) Originally contacted us about Go by Bike Week (too late) but good contact for bike parking, contact earlier to prepare next year. (Devyn) Bike racks outside of the mall but just one near the stores. (Mary) Also noticed that there aren't many bike racks near the shops.
  - (Devyn) main route through Lansdowne to include cycle path
  - (Sheryl) accessibility to Garden City Lands, talked to employee of Kwantlen College - having an overpass from Kwantlen to the Garden City Lands
- (Rachelle) Live near Cambie St, and people ride on sidewalk. Has been accidents there. Husband commutes to 22nd St and takes Cambie and Westminster Hwy.
- (Devyn) - Got all sidewalk widths on No. 3 Rd. Background - everyone uses sidewalk to bike as a defacto path, and actual bike lanes are dangerous that people don't like to use. Better to designate it as a MUP. Mapped widths and can see narrow points. Will try to make argument - all the narrowest points are over 2m. Wide narrow points are 4m. Biggest problem bw Ackroyd and Lansdowne. (Victoria) - Have we had experience with this type of advocacy where people are already using the lane as a bike path? It's worth trying. Getting them to agree to what people are doing naturally. (Donna) Asked Mayor Brodie about it... (Sheryl) No 3 Rd is a patchwork that has developed over decades. Certain sections improved and not the rest. Also a lot of e-scooters. (Devyn) Nathan was looking forward to it, but main conflict with traffic dept want to see vehicles move through there as fast as possible. Nathan would like them to consider the flow of all people. (Victoria) - Jeff Leigh would be a good resource to ask about precedents in Vancouver. It's hard, because the City has things in mind. One group might think there's already safe cycling infrastructure, and you're asking for more. Do everything you can to provide evidence. (Devyn) Provide more counters for pedestrians and cyclists or better data collection.

## 5. Action Items

- **(Sheryl)** - to find the documentation for timeline for island to be removed by No. 2 Rd and Westminster Hwy

- **(David)** - contact Nathan Andrews about better signage earlier on the bridge and for sharing the road; green paint where the merge is, and in the right hand turn lane, or bike sharrows, to encourage cyclists to take the lane before they turn the corner so they won't be pinned; find transportation infrastructure engineering contact (City of Richmond - Anna)
- **(Jesse, Yvonne, Sheryl, Devyn)** - look at City Council Members past voting records and where they stand re: cycling infrastructure
- **(Sheryl)** - Will notify group about when meetings will be held in the fall re: Great Blue Heron Way connections and active transportation plans for Sea Island
- **(Devyn)** - Reach out to agent or developer for lot off Alderbridge and No 4 Rd
- **(Everyone)** - Review Shell Assessment Ride Report (deadline?)
- **(Everyone)** - Get word out about Garlic Festival Ride (reach out to RATC and others)
- **(Devyn)** - No 3 Rd MUP argument, next step for presenting evidence?; talk to city; ask Jeff Leigh about precedents in Vancouver?
- **(Jesse, Rachelle)** - Cambie Road needs a bus lane shared with bikes, many riding on the sidewalks. Bring up with Nathan.
- **(Anna)** - send followup email with minutes and action items; create agenda for next meeting

**6. Next meeting:** Thursday, September 14, 2023, 7:00-8:30PM [online and possibly in-person].

If you have items for the agenda, please email [richmond@bikehub.ca](mailto:richmond@bikehub.ca)

## RESOURCES

Organizational documents

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