

DRAFT MINUTES - Delta HUB Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 4th, 2017, 7:00pm

Tsawwassen First Nation (Elders Centre)

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Patrick (Chair), Elder Ruth, Charles, Anton, Hilary, Bill, Sandra, Carol, Bill, John, Karon, Roel, Melanie.

2. **MINUTES:** Minutes from April 6th meeting were approved.

3. **GUESTS:** Charles Nash (Director of Lands, Tsawwassen First Nation), Elder Ruth Adams



- Delta HUB met for the first time at TFN. Some members arrived earlier to visit the new Boardwalk that connects walkers and cyclists to the breakwater path (above).
- Charles Nash and Elder Ruth Adams provided an overview about cycling facilities at TFN and the potential for area connections. Updates included:

→ TFN Multi-Use Paths

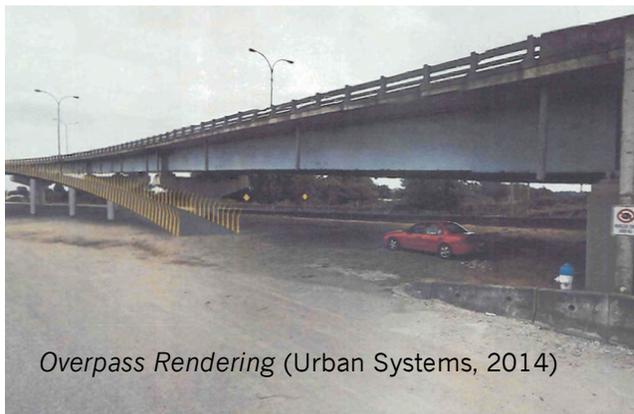
- As described in the TFN Neighbourhood Plan (2011) and South Neighbourhood Plan (2015) the TFN community is being developed with a series of multi-use paths (MUP) that connect residents to recreational areas and community precincts.
- Beginning in mid-May, circulation for cyclists will be improved with the opening of a local connector road ([Blue Heron Drive](#)) which will create a direct link between Tsawwassen Mills/Commons and Tsawwassen Drive (and the Boardwalk). The MUP connects to Salish Sea Drive (48th St), and the trail that runs along the western side of 52nd St.
- Upcoming residential areas include projects by Onni and Aquilini (north of Hwy 17) and Mosaic (south of Hwy 17, next to Tsawwassen Springs).
- The Mosaic development will involve a MUP that connects to future cycling facilities at Tsawwassen Springs (east) and the ferry causeway (west).
- In addition, the plan is to align these cycling facilities with the traffic lights at Salish Sea Drive and Hwy 17, potentially creating a new "hub" for north-south and east-west cycling.



- Together these improvements can facilitate more direct connections between the Boundary Bay Dyke trail and destinations such as the BC Ferries Terminal, TFN Boardwalk, and Ladner/Westham Island via 41B Street.
- They will also serve as a complement to the cycling lanes that exist along the widened Hwy 17, offering a parallel off-road alternative on the other side of the berm.
- Elder Ruth continues to champion the Great Blue Heron Way initiative (which received earlier endorsements from both TFN and the Corporation of Delta). The component parts are coming together – in the form of community MUP connections and the Boardwalk. She plans to prepare an update for TFN members shortly.
- **Resources:** TFN Neighbourhood Plan (http://www.tsawwassenfirstnation.com/pdfs/TFN-Program-Services/Business-Development/TFN_Neighbourhood_Plan_2011.pdf); TFN South Neighbourhood Plan (<http://www.tsawwassenfirstnation.com/pdfs/TFN-About/Information-Centre/Strategic-Planning/Land-Use-South-Neighbourhood-Plan-Adopted-2015-Feb-04.pdf>)

→ Deltaport Way Overpass (Concept)

- The trail connecting the TFN breakwater to Brunswick Point has been cut-off by the railway lines serving Deltaport, and cyclists are prohibited from crossing (Delta HUB understands that a chain link fence will soon be installed along the northern edge).
- Delta Council recently revisited the idea of a pedestrian/cyclist crossing above the railway lines (which may be undergoing further widening if T2 proceeds).
- In 2014, a concept was prepared by TFN consultants, identifying a location and potential cost (~\$3.4M) for a bridge facility which would attach beneath the Deltaport causeway:



Overpass Rendering (Urban Systems, 2014)



- Delta and TFN submitted a joint letter to the Port in 2014, and the plan is to submit another joint letter with a request that the overpass be funded through the Port's "Container Capacity Improvement Project" (CCIP) as a legacy community benefit.
- Delta HUB suggested sending a letter of support to Delta and TFN, which could be included in any future communications with the Port. The Committee will also highlight this critical linkage at the proposed workshop with Delta Mayor and Council.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to prepare a letter of support to Delta/TFN for the Deltaport overpass.

→ Trans Canada Trail (and Great Blue Heron Way)

- Carol indicated that it was always a goal to have the Trans Canada Trail be part of the Great Blue Heron Way.
- Current discussions continue with the TCT about possible links to the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal (they are awaiting approval from Metro Vancouver for the proposed routing).

- It was suggested that Delta HUB reconnect with the TCT point-of-contact (Sarah Meunier) to confirm current plans, and timelines.
- Delta HUB should engage with MP Carla Qualtrough's office regarding the Canada 150 initiative (projects need to be started, but not necessarily completed, by 2017).
- It was also suggested that HUB invite BC Trails director Leon Lebrun to be a guest speaker at a future Delta HUB meeting.
- **Action:** Patrick to contact TCT and MP Carla Qualtrough about trail status/timelines. Delta HUB to invite Leon Lebrun to a future Committee meeting.

4. NEW ITEMS: New topics for discussion by Delta HUB members.

"Cycle highways" working group – HUB Cycling

- A "cycle highway" is contiguous trail, parallel to an existing highway. In connection with HUB's UnGap the Map campaign – and the Provincial election – HUB Cycling is forming a cycle highways working group (Roel is participating as a rep from Delta HUB).
- **Action:** If individuals would like to show support for the cycle highway concept, HUB and the BC Cycling Coalition invite you to submit your comments online at the following link: http://www.bccc.bc.ca/metro_vancouver_cycle_highways
- **Resources:** More information about cycle highways in Metro Vancouver can be found at <https://bikehub.ca/about-us/our-positions/ungapthemap/cycle-highways>.

Summer outreach – Salmon BBQ in Ladner

- Bill is one of the organizers of the Shriners' Salmon BBQ that takes place at Ladner Harbour Park on June 4th (noon-6pm). They will be inviting people to cycle to the event.
- Delta HUB members will be present to engage with attendees about cycling (2-4pm).
- Bill is preparing an ad, which will be sent to Delta HUB with proposed language.
- **Action:** Any Delta HUB members interested in participating at the Salmon BBQ can meet Sandra and Hilary there (2-4pm). The ad will be circulated when completed.

Metro Vancouver – 52nd Street Watermain Project (Update)

- There have been some changes to the plan that was presented to Delta HUB at the April meeting. In particular, concerns about access to Tsawwassen Springs and Imperial Village during the next phase led Delta to direct Metro Vancouver to revise their construction management plan to allow for temporary one-directional vehicular travel through the BC Hydro Right of Way path (from Spyglass through Imperial Village).
- Cyclists using the 53A connector path to travel to 52nd St (or areas beyond, such as the ferry terminal or TFN mall) should be mindful of vehicles on this paved section during the next phase of the project (*beginning in late May/early June).
- It was noted that the first phase of the project – which closed down 52nd St, north of Hwy 17 to 28th Ave – is expected to be completed by mid-May.

HUB Bike to Work Week (May 29-June 2nd)

- BTWW is fast approaching; Delta HUB was involved with a BTWW Celebration Station last fall in North Delta.
- There may be some interest in organizing a station at TFN – at the Tsawwassen Mills shopping mall. Patrick and Charles will connect with the Mall manager.
- Karon indicated that ICBC is helping to sponsor a BTWW station in New West this year; they might be able to sponsor a local station here too.

- **Action:** Patrick and Charles to connect with Mark Fenwick (Tsawwassen Mills) about the possibility of a BTWW Celebration Station.

HUB Bike to Shop event (July 21-23)

- HUB in Vancouver has been promoting “Bike to Shop” days with local area merchants. The event this year is scheduled for July 21-23rd (<https://bikehub.ca/biketoshop>)
- With Delta HUB’s support of the local business associations and markets (Tsawwassen BIA, LBA, Ladner Market), there may be an opportunity to pilot a BTS event locally.
- In doing so, it will be important to promote safe travel, and help communicate routing that encourages safe cycling for individuals and families.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to connect with HUB’s Bike to Shop coordinator (Tracy) about the possibility of a Bike to Shop event in Delta.

5. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

Safety/Routes

Update: Delta HUB Road Review – 53A St, Tsawwassen

- With the summer closure of 52nd St (south of Hwy 17) – and the anticipated higher traffic volumes on 56 St – Delta HUB is providing feedback to Delta Engineering on possible road improvements to 53A St (from 12th Ave north to Imperial Village).
- A road assessment was conducted, and a draft summary of issues/suggestions has been prepared (*this will be circulated shortly for comments).
- On the Delta Routes Map, 53A St is considered an informal route (orange). To make it a more formal route for area cyclists, 53A will need to have a higher cycling profile (with bike lanes and signage). Today there is minimal signage, or bike lanes/symbols.
- It was noted that, years ago, 56 St (south of Winskill) faced some pressure to add cycling signs/symbols. They were added, but have since faded and may need to be repainted.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to circulate the draft 53A road review; once finalized, it will be submitted to Delta Engineering. Patrick to follow-up with Delta about municipal practice regarding repainting of bike symbols (re: 56 St and elsewhere).

Next Step: Proposed Delta HUB Road Review – 12th Ave, Tsawwassen

- At the suggestion of Delta Engineering, Delta HUB is exploring ways to improve cycling conditions along 12th Ave in Tsawwassen (from Beach Grove Rd to English Bluff Rd.)
- Current ideas include coordinated improvements at the intersections of 12th Ave with 56 St (i.e. Green bike box; road markings) and Beach Grove Road (i.e. Green bike box to allow eastbound cyclists to enter the Boundary Bay Park entrance more safely).
- **Action:** Anyone wishing to participate in this road review should contact Patrick/Roel.

Local/Regional Infrastructure

Update: Delta HUB Priority Item #18 (Metal cycle track on Hwy 17A step bridge).

- Delta HUB submitted a letter to Delta’s Director of Engineering, requesting that the existing cycle tracks on either side of the step bridge be adapted.
- In response, Delta has instructed their consultant to review options to modify the track as part of their Bridge, Retaining Wall and Major Structure Inspection study (this year).

Education/Engagement

Request: Delta Parks & Recreation (Summer Programming)

- Delta HUB was contacted by Delta Parks & Recreation about ways in which we might support their summer programming with youth.
- In past years, Parks & Rec staff have cycled with children to different area destinations (i.e. Westham Island); they wondered if Delta HUB might be involved in safety tips ahead of any scheduled rides (similar to the role we played at the Delta Gymnastics spring break camp in March).
- Organizationally, HUB provides safety training (at a cost); it might be helpful to have select Delta HUB members receive formal training from HUB so that we would have the capacity to support local groups.
- It was agreed that safety and awareness (including the poster, bike bell and light donations, etc.) are an integral part of HUB's mandate – and our awareness locally
- **Action:** Patrick to follow-up with HUB about options for training the trainers; Sandra and Melanie to follow-up with Kelly at Delta Parks & Rec about possible summer support.

May 6th Vancouver Bird Week ride – Wellington Park to Reifel Bird Sanctuary

- In conjunction with Vancouver Bird Week, HUB is leading a group of birders from Wellington Point Park to the Reifel Bird Sanctuary on Westham Island (May 6th).

(*Update: The event was highly informative and enjoyed by all participants. HUB Board member Fiona Walsh led the group, and we appreciate her involvement).



Update: North Delta outreach

- Patrick was interviewed by Randy Mann from the North Delta Community Corner Facebook group for their video feature “*What’s Up Wednesdays*”:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1737389009859269/permalink/1852664341665068/?notif_t=group_post_mention¬if_id=1493221423676790
- A column about Delta HUB was written and submitted to the North Delta Reporter for their consideration; future ideas include outreach to local South Asian newspapers.

Update: Tourism Delta (Ale Trail)

- Tourism Delta has an upcoming fundraiser for the “Ale Trail” (<https://bcaletrail.ca>). Earlier, Delta HUB provided input on cycling excursions nearby to participating craft breweries.
- The “Tap Takeover” event with Four Winds will be on June 5th at Marios in Tsawwassen:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/four-winds-series-tasting-at-marios-tickets-34642534754>

6. OTHER ITEMS:

Update: TransLink SouthWest Area Transport Plan (April 13th Committee meeting)

- Anton (SWATP Chair) indicated that the next public engagement for the Plan will be happening shortly. There will be a survey, along with direct outreach in the community.
- The most recent meeting highlighted substantive improvements to local transit service.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to notify members about the survey/engagement when advertised.

***Next Delta HUB meeting:** Thursday, June 1st, 2017 at 7pm (Ladner Pioneer Library)