

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting May 11, 2017

In attendance: Dave, Peter J., Jenny, Barry, Kino, Ivan, Jackie

Guests: Doug Gilligen, Kathy (both through Meet-Up)

Regrets:

Notes

Past MR/PM events:

- April 22: Earth Day Cycle Recycle (Barry, Dave). Another successful event. Everything went a bit more smoothly with fewer bikes (14) than we normally have (about 20). Insurance issues were resolved in time so we could proudly display the HUB banner and our Cycle Recycle signs. Jenny, Barry and Dave can all store some bikes for our next Cycle Recycle (GETI Fest in September) so we can start collecting.
- April 29: Pick Your Passion Fair, Valley Fair Mall (Jackie). This event was organized by the mall owner and Community Services. The purpose was for community groups to connect with potential volunteers. No volunteers signed up, but Jackie found some supporters for the 123 Ave. separated bike lanes, signed up a few more people for the e-mail list (we finally passed the 400-mark!), and also connected with Heather Treleaven of the Seniors Network and Femmy Gibson from the Maple Ridge Lions Club who are interested in the concept of Cycling without Age (rikshaw tricycles for seniors/people with mobility issues). A great location might be Osprey Village. Peter and Jackie will work on this after Peter returns from his trip in August. One very appreciative lady dropped by who had received a bike through our bikes for refugees program. She said the bike is used by herself, her husband and daughter, and she was looking for a good route for the daughter to bike to school.

Upcoming MR/PM events:

- May 13/14: [Art Studio Bike Tour](#) (Jackie). This year the plan was just to offer two maps of possible tours people could do on their own to visit art studios during this year's annual Art Studio Tour on Mother's Day weekend. Jackie received five requests for maps. Three people would like to do a guided tour in Maple Ridge, which will be led by Ivan and Jackie. If more people show up unannounced, and we end up having more than 7 participants, we'll split up in two groups, as we haven't applied for the required permits for groups of 10 people and over. The guided tour will be on Sunday May 14, and will start at 10 am at Diane Speirs' studio, at 23386 124 Ave., Maple Ridge.
- Bike to Work Week (May 29 - June 4):
 - Mon. May 29 - BtW station at Pitt River Bridge at the fork in the path on the east side of the bridge.
(Dave, Jenny, Barry, Jackie)
Barry will ask his daughter (who works at Stomping Grounds) if she can arrange 2-for-1 coffee coupons. Left-overs can be used for the Thursday station. Jackie to arrange food and drink for this station. Jenny will pick up the BtW kit from HUB office and will talk to Rob of Pitt Meadows Cycle to see if he'd be willing to donate prizes. Barry will bring tent and chairs.
 - Thu. June 1 - Joint BtW station with HUB Langley and Surrey at Golden Ears Bridge, south side. Contacts: Dan Millsip (HUB Langley), Tim Yzerman (HUB Surrey)
(Dave, Jenny, Jackie)

One table at the NB on-ramp only would work better than one table at each ramp, as last year more people seemed to travel to Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows in the afternoon. Sandwich board at the SB ramp with sign pointing to the station.

Jenny will arrange food and drink donations for this station. Dan Millsip will arrange prizes.

Gord of HUB Surrey will pick up the BtW kit from the office.

- VACC Fork - Friendly Bike to Work competition between municipalities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows.

The VACC Fork (now the HUB Fork) is a trophy made out of a bicycle fork. It was won by the City of Pitt Meadows in Spring 2010. Jackie received e-mail from Mike Bandy of the City of Pitt Meadows who dug up the trophy and dusted it off in order to revive this short-lived tradition (it was used only once). Jackie to suggest to Mike to get Erin, as HUB's ED and Pitt Meadows resident, to present the trophy to this year's winners.

- Sept. 16: GETI Fest (theme: sustainability) (Barry)
This year we'll plan to do another Cycle Recycle at GETI Fest. Barry will contact some e-bike companies to see if there's interest in setting up a booth.

Other:

- MR ATAC: cycling on sidewalk, lower speed limits in town core and other updates. Presentation Ivan and Barry at May 31 meeting. (Dave, Kino, Ivan).
The cycling on the sidewalk discussion has consumed much of the MR ATAC committee's attention so far. A cycling-on-the-sidewalk sub committee (Dave R., Ineke of the BIA, and Wayne, seniors rep) has been set up to determine where in the downtown cyclists should not be allowed on the sidewalk:
 - 224th between North Ave. and north of Dewdney up to about 122nd?
 - Lougheed between about 223rd and 227th
 - Dewdney between about 222nd and 227thSuggestion is to paint no-cycling symbols on the sidewalk as opposed to signs, as the symbols are more likely to be noticed by cyclists. Dave and Kino's expectation is that it won't make any difference, but the general idea among ATAC members is that "something needs to be done".
Ivan met with Ineke Boekhorst of the BIA to ensure that what we ask for has the support of the BIA. Ivan and Barry's presentation to the ATAC at the May 31 meeting will go ahead as planned, and the focus remains on reduced speed limits for 224th Street between Lougheed and about 122nd Ave., with no cycling allowed on certain sidewalks, as above. Suggestion for long-term will be to put together a committee with representation from groups like seniors, BIA/downtown businesses, HUB... to arrive at a vision for a vibrant, people-friendly downtown.
- PM ATAC update (Peter). The PM ATAC is organizing bike parking again for Pitt Meadows Day, June 1. Jackie will volunteer between 12:00 and 2:30. Bring banner and promotional stuff.
- List of spot improvements. Jackie to complete the list and send to Dave for review before sending it off to Andrew.
- Jackie to bring bike brain t-shirts to next month's meeting for committee members.

Annual allowance:

Balance as of May 1, 2017: \$359.50.

Total cash donations: \$42.30.