

**Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB Meeting Minutes  
March 13, 2025 - 7:00 pm - Eric Langton School**

1. Attendees: Jenny Wright, Jackie Chow, Ivan Chow, Cathy Acuna, Peter Jongbloed, Linda Kingston, Gerard van Hilten, Keith Akenhead, Sigrun Gilmour
2. Minutes of previous meeting February 13, 2025 - approved
3. Agenda - approved with addition of 4.8 Hammond Road/203 Intersection
4. **Old Business**

**4.1. ATAC PM** - Peter reports as follows:

Invitation from City of Pitt Meadows: Complete Street Feasibility Study for Harris Road (Workshop). This will be held April 8 and will cover Harris Road from Fraser Way to Lougheed. Several ideas are being put forward for the plan.

The Last Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting will be in April. There was some talk of a Safer Cities committee being formed but there is nothing to report on that yet.

**4.2. Livable Community Advisory committee (LCAC) MR** - this includes Housing, Transportation and Heritage. They are conducting interviews for candidates now. They would like 3 people with transportation expertise. Jenny has been interviewed.

**4.3. Co-chair vacancy/membership drive**

Cathy will post information and contact several organizations regarding recruiting new members including: Fraser Health, HUB Newsletter, Maple Ridge Climate Hub, DPACs, School District 42, Maple Ridge Seniors Activity Centre and Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows, Katzie, Seniors Network.

Jenny will be giving a presentation to the Ridge Meadows Outdoor Club at the end of April.

**4.4. Article for Maple Ridge News:** Jackie prepared a list of things that could go in

the article. Several suggestions were made for the article including:

- start with recommendations for leisure cycling routes to draw people in;
- pros and cons of MUP vs. separated bikes lanes;
- set up a table or our banner on the dike trail at Silver Bridge, Jerry Sulina Park and/or Bonson Landing to introduce HUB Cycling. This would be a good opportunity to have Maple Ridge News come and take a picture for the article.
- article should be kept short.

**4.5. Engagement with Councillors Tan and Schiller and delegation to Council:**

Jenny sent an email to both re quick fixes we want. They have not had a chance to get back to us but will do so. They suggest that we appear as a delegation to the council with as many people as possible to come. This is usually kept to between 5 and 10 minutes (to be confirmed). Some suggestions for what the presentation should be: quick, cheap fixes; addressing council/staff's own goals (how would that look); main focus on routes to BRT. Jenny and Sigrun will work on the presentation. Cathy will send us a template.

**4.6. HUB Action Plan:** Discussed what our successes were last year such as: regular meetings with the City; good relationship with some Counsellors; events; relationships with schools; building relationships within the Community.

We discussed what our objectives should be this year such as: decrease barriers in cycling and get the public involved; continue relationship with Mayor and Council; push Active Transportation Planner; membership; Thorne Avenue bike infrastructure (work with schools and people in area); bike friendly downtown core; Harris Road Complete Street Feasibility Study; active school transportation;

Jenny will e-mail group our objectives and we can volunteer for one.

**4.7. Green Paint List:** Jackie prepared a list of intersections on bike paths where we would like to see green paint. Jenny will send an e-mail to the City with our

requests. Peter will find out what Pitt Meadows policy is regarding green paint.

- 4.8. Hammond Road/203 Intersection:** We posted our concerns on social media and our website. Most of the comments were about how unsafe the whole area is. We supplied Hammond Elementary PAC Group with our letter template. Jenny will ask them if they can send us a copy of their letter so that we can post on our website.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1. Collaboration opportunity with Tourism Maple Ridge.**

Hub has put together a tourism proposal. We should set up a meeting with Tourism Maple Ridge and invite someone from HUB head office to join. This is a good opportunity to let them know that we do not have safe cycling infrastructure in Maple Ridge which they are probably not aware of.

### **5.2. Collaboration opportunity with NatureKids BC.**

NatureKids BC would like to start a club in Maple Ridge and would like to partner with us. Linda will contact them to find out what they would like from us.

### **5.3. First Aid Training for Group Rides.**

Gerard will take the First Aid training. Gerard mentioned that we will need a first aid kit. Jenny will see if she can pick one up at Costco.

### **5.4. Climate Action Plan.**

City is working on its Climate Action Plan which is available on its website. They have several Bold Action Moves. Under Transportation: what is causing GHGs; will plant trees along cycle paths; make bikes and e-bikes available. Jenny felt there was not enough about active transportation. Should we provide input?

## **6. Roundtable**

- Thorne Avenue (and other new bike infrastructure): we are not being asked to join in the planning stages.
- Ivan updated us on our finances.