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HUB - New Westminster  
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room  
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)  
Wednesday March 15, 2023

Present: Brad Barber (online), Jaqueline Brower, Andrew Feltham, Shane Griffin, Heidi Hisza (joined online after meeting had started), Andrew Moss (online), Eden Rose (online), Fulton Tom (Minutes), and Robert Wong.

Call to order: 6:08 PM

1. Meeting Openers

- a) Welcoming newcomers & introductions
- b) Check-In:
- c) Review of Agenda & Minutes from Last Meeting – Review of Agenda: Add Mary Hill Bypass Gap, Bike Bus, and Crosstown Greenway by the Pool to the agenda. The web links in the agenda do not work. Approved.

Review of Minutes (February 15, 2023): Correct the year under 1c) by changing 2022 to 2023 and remove “such as.” from 2a). Approved.

2. Advocacy

- a) 2023 Priority – Awareness, Understanding & Support of ATNP – HUB-NW has adopted awareness, understanding & support of the Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) as its single priority. At the reading party on Sunday February 26, questions were raised about the plan’s funding. HUB-NW will request an update from the City about its pursuit of grants to fund the plan and whether the City is earmarking recently announced Provincial infrastructure funds (Growing Communities Fund) to the plan.

Members are encouraged to share their thoughts on the plan at

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rBEwpRoM9d\\_J19mWApbIzGcMjR5IgFOx2BM21ihvn\\_M/edit#heading=h.motikmtktpoz](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rBEwpRoM9d_J19mWApbIzGcMjR5IgFOx2BM21ihvn_M/edit#heading=h.motikmtktpoz)

- b) UnGap the Map Update - Some of the UnGap the Map priority items for HUB-NW have been implemented (eg Uptown-Downtown bike route, NWSS Connector) and some are beyond the control of New Westminster (eg Stewardson Way section of BC Parkway).

Action: Shane volunteered to update the UnGap the Map priority list. Fulton will look into how HUB-NW can access the list.

- c) Bike Parking – Members are encouraged to identify areas where bike parking is lacking (eg by Walmart in Queensborough) and to request bike parking be installed.

- d) 20 in 20 – The City is interested in participating in another 20 in 20 Infrastructure Challenge.

Action: Fulton will create a Google doc to collect quick bicycle infrastructure fixes that the City can address.

e) Snow Management Letter – The letter is essentially complete. HUB Central might not endorse the letter because Heidi wrote it after a horrendous experience with snow-covered sidewalks and bike routes. Residents should have the means and incentives to report homeowners that do not clear their sidewalks of snow. The City should establish a way to match volunteers to homeowners needing help with clearing snow.

Action: Eden and Andrew will work on a letter requesting the City treat snow events with the same degree of importance as heat domes.

f) Volunteer Opportunities – HUB-NW volunteer opportunities are listed in Discord. Volunteers are needed to monitor City Council agendas for bike-related items, plan and execute on a series of bike events (including a bike scavenger hunt) that culminate in Community Bike Day on Saturday June 24, coordinate HUB-NW's social media, and to speak at Council meetings in support of cycling-friendly motions.

g) HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report – No new information.

h) Mary Hill Bypass Gap – Sheila Hoy of BC's Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure indicated at a HUB-Tri-Cities meeting that the bicycle infrastructure gap is on the Ministry's radar but improvements are not anticipated in the near term. The Ministry has a \$100 million budget for active transportation improvements provincially.

HUB-Tri-Cities has also produced a brochure for new members. HUB-NW will investigate strategies to get new members (eg HUB-NW brochure, Craigslist posts for volunteers, posters with pull tabs along cycling routes).

i) Bike Bus – Tammy Dewar is planning a Bike Bus on Friday April 21 in time for Earth Day.

j) Crosstown Greenway by the New Pool – The proposed design of the new pool's parking lot includes driveways that cross the greenway and that are expected to result in more cyclist/pedestrian conflicts with motor vehicles. The Walkers' Caucus is working on a letter raising concerns with the design.

### 3. Activities

a) ATNP Reading Party #2 – The next reading party will be on Sunday April 16 (1 pm to 3 pm).

b) Guest invitation to April HUB-NW Meeting – Heidi will invite Mayor Patrick Johnstone to the April HUB-NW meeting.

c) ParticipACTION Community Bike Month – The City has been notified that it is ineligible to apply for the ParticipACTION Community Challenge grant. HUB as the City's community partner can apply for the grant.

d) Go by Bike Week (Monday May 29 – Sunday June 4) – HUB Central is organizing a Celebration Station at New Westminster Secondary School.

e) Hyack Parade (Saturday May 27) – Fulton will register HUB-NW for the Hyack Parade. Heidi has asked Jonathan Mak of HUB for business cards that HUB-NW can hand out to cyclists.

Action: Fulton and Jaqueline will work on HUB-NW's participation in the Hyack Parade.

f) Social Event with City Councilors Update/Planning – HUB-NW will wait for the completion of the NWSS Cycling Connector before scheduling the event.

Adjourned: 7:41 pm

Next Hybrid Meeting: Wednesday April 19 at 6 pm virtually on Discord and in the Ash Street Room of the New Westminster Public Library