

TriCities HUB Committee Meeting Minutes

Date/time: Tuesday January 7, 2014 7:00-8:50PM.

Location: New Coquitlam Public Library, 1169 Pinetree Way, Coquitlam, B.C.

In attendance: Claude T, Jenna W, Josh O, George S, Gord M, Jack T, Dave D, Andrew H

1. Items arising/news items:

Sean purchased a video camera for future assessment rides. Josh offered to give us a training session at next meeting on processing and editing video files.

Claude T has agreed to serve on PoCo transport committee. ACTION ITEM: Claude: request minutes of previous meeting.

2. Update on Pitt River Bridge visit with MOTI (December 6, 2013). Review of draft letter.

Update: Letter posted on wiki site.

3. Discussion of new and outstanding service requests

Investigate storm grate on new King Edward overpass bike lane for possible service request. (Dave D)

Coquitlam is still reviewing our service request regarding Lougheed/Brunette. See below re assessment ride.

4. Action plan for 2014: (very brief discussion)

-How can we improve our relations with city staff? Need to be informed of cycling initiative with more lead time. Need to provide positive feedback when new facilities are rolled out (not just negative).

-HUB: need to get closer coordination regarding BTWW and bike education programs.

-PMH1: We have a narrow window to get new cycling infrastructure completed to acceptable safety guidelines. Once the project is fully rolled out, there will be little chance of fixing problems (as in case of Pitt River Bridge).

-Need to work on better signage in TriCities.

5. Upcoming assessment ride: An assessment ride was planned for January 11.

Update: ride was carried out (Stephen M, Simon W. and Gord M in attendance). Interesting video of the situation cyclists face when crossing Brunette along the Lougheed bike lanes in Coquitlam.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nGXd3AuOclc>

Cyclists are suddenly dropped into this situation with no warning. Discussions with Coquitlam staff scheduled for 23 January.

In addition we identified several deficiencies with PMH1 bike lanes on Lougheed. Most are relatively minor and can be treated by improved signage/road markers. A draft report will be prepared at the next meeting.

6. Other items:

Invite Port Coquitlam councillor and city staff to next meeting (ACTION ITEM: Simon)

Invite Port Moody staff person to following meeting (ACTION ITEM: Andrew H)

Simon Watkins

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