

## HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows meeting July 17, 2014 - notes

In attendance: Dave, Barry, Ivan, Jackie

Regrets: Peter, Alex

Upcoming events:

- Sat. July 19: Bike ride to Katzie Slough with Watershed Watch Salmon see <http://www.watershed-watch.org/2014/05/join-us-for-a-walking-tour-of-katzie-slough-saturday-may-24-from-5-7pm/> (Jackie): 16 people are signed up for the ride.
- Aug/Sept.?: Bike to Farms ride Maple Ridge (Jackie, Dave, Peter): not much progress yet. Jackie will start working on it after the Katzie ride.
- Sept. 20: GETI Fest (Jackie): eProdigy e-bikes will be at GETI Fest. Still working on getting funky/antique bikes presence through Caps (Kelly Hobbis). No reply yet.

Other:

- Meeting room: Since the rates for the Alouette Room at the MR library will go up by 100% to \$14.20 per meeting, we considered Bean Around Books (second hand book/tea shop) as new venue, but this would mean that people might feel pressured to buy drinks/pastries, which may be a bit of a deterrent for some people to attend the meetings. We could just book the Alouette room for Sept/Oct/Nov and then in the new year start meeting in the open area upstairs in the MR library, so we don't need to pay.
- 132 Ave. separated path: complaints from cyclists, including road cyclists, who prefer to use the road for comfort/speed purposes. Everyone agrees that the surface of the multi-use path is no good for cycling. Alternative route is Abernathy, but it's a bit of a jog going south. Jackie will draft e-mail to District re concerns.
- BIA wants to add 12 bike racks in MR town core, and is looking for suggestions for locations. Jackie received a few suggestions. Everyone to continue looking for potential locations for racks in the town core. Jackie to send e-mail to BIA by weekend of July 26.
- HUB proposal for improvements 117<sup>th</sup> route? Route should be made more convenient/faster, to reduce the gap between advantages for cars and disadvantages for bikes. Presently the distance from downtown Maple Ridge to Meadowtown Mall for cars is 6.2 km, for bikes along the 117th route it's 7.6 km. No turns at all for cars. Bikes have to make 12 left hand turns and 9 right hand turns going west. Bikes have to deal with 20 stop signs, cars none. As to traffic lights, it would depend on how often cars need to stop for the lights on average. It's obvious that cars have pretty much all the advantages, other than busy traffic. We should look more closely at which stop signs could be reversed and which other improvements could be made.
- Meeting with Sgt. Bruce McCowan (replaced Dale Somerville, Traffic Section RCMP – potentially new HUB liaison?) has been delayed: BM wants to meet with Engineering present. Still waiting for new date. To discuss:
  - Council's review cycling on the sidewalk

- Use of bikes in emergency situations (see: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/cyclists-will-play-vital-role-in-disaster-response-says-b-c-city-1.2585823>) (Dave)
- Other?