

Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2023 - 5:45 pm - Maple Ridge Public Library

Attendees: Ivan Chow, Antoinette DeWit, Peter Jongbloed, Ashley van der Pouw, Jackie Chow

Guest: Scott Barney

Minutes of previous meeting - approved.

Agenda for this meeting - approved

4. Old Business

- 4.1 ATAC PM** - Peter reported that the new Active Transportation Plan was presented to Council at this week's council meeting.
- Big ticket item is Harris Rd: complete street Lougheed to Fraser River.
 - Hammond Rd: separated cycling (one side or both sides).
 - Neighbourhood bikeways: 30 km/h and traffic calming.
 - For Rd and Bonson Rd: MUPs.
 - Quick fix for Parkside trail. Onni wants to get it done.
 - Continuous sidewalks (or raised crosswalks) are part of the plan.
- 4.2 TAC MR** - Ashley reported that almost the entire meeting was dedicated to the Off-street Parking and Loading Bylaw review, and the discussions were very interesting. The committee was given ten questions, four of which were discussed. One of the topics was e.g. EV charging. Bike parking will be addressed at the next meeting in June.
- 4.3 Ride with Maple Ridge Council members** - Mayor Ruimy and Councillors Tan and Schiller participated in the ride on May 8, with Jenny, Sigrun, Antoinette, Ivan and Jackie. We rode along the Selkirk route, pointed out the many stop signs along the route and the difficulty of crossing at the 224 St. and 227 St (at Valleyfair Mall) crossings. We discussed the 117 Ave. MUP between Burnett and 231 St. Showed the 232 St. MUP at 118 Ave. as an example of a better MUP without driveways, but safety of crossings at side streets still an issue. We showed the need for separated bike lanes as part of the 121 Bikeway on 228 St., and the unsuitability of the path through Fletcher Park as a bike route. Discussion of the need for proper protected cycling facilities on Brown Ave. on both sides rather than a MUP on one side, because of the expected rapid densification from single family homes to medium- and high-rises.
- Councillor Tan asked to pass on her thanks to the LC for the ride. She sees it "as a solid relationship-building step that sets us up well for the next four years".

4.5 Collaboration for AST - deferred.

4.5 Pitt Meadows Day Parade, June 3 - Antoinette reported that 8 or 9 people are registered so far. She will open it up to promotion outside of HUB membership and contacts.

We will be meeting at 10:30am at a numbered location. Antoinette will let participants know where that will be.

More info will be available after May 16.

Discussion about what to hand out to the public during the parade.

Suggestion to fill Ashley's bakfiets with candy to hand out to kids, which would consume a fair bit of our annual allowance. We received some ICBC swag at last year's GETI Fest, but not really suitable or useful to hand out as HUB swag during the parade. Jackie will bring HUB spoke cars to hand out.

Participants who are not on the committee will be required to sign a HUB waiver. Would be good to get that set up on-line so participants can sign waivers ahead of time. Jackie to bring extra printed waivers just in case.

Ivan and Jackie will help with the bike parking after the parade.

5. New Business

5.1 GETI Fest, September 16 - Michael reported to Jackie that he let Gerry Pinel know that he will be the HUB liaison for the event. He mentioned to Gerry that we're hoping for a better location this year. Gerry's response was that they're using a similar set-up to Earth Day this year so they'll find us a good spot.

6.0 Roundtable

Non-HUB rides

Antoinette has organized 3 AAA bike trips this month for people 55+, through the [Ridge Meadows 55+ Social](#) Facebook group. The first one was the day before our meeting. It was a 2-hr ride along the dikes starting from Osprey Village, and it included a picnic lunch.

Next HUB ride

Michael reported to Jackie about the next ride he's working on:

He has done some planning for a short AAA ride in June or July, focusing on riding safely through downtown Maple Ridge. His intent for this ride is to give the message that we have the right as cyclists to use the streets and here are suggestions to do it safely. Draft route:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1ZaVBWin29RbEI8OX3oRo6Zv4iLqoxkA&usp=sharing>. From the Peace Park bandstand, he was thinking of starting west since the exit from Peace Park goes onto McIntosh, which is one-way west, but that results in us returning (arguably) the wrong way in a one-way strip between Haney Place Mall and the bus loop, though we could dismount and take the sidewalk instead. But if we instead head east, we're going the preferred direction in that one-way and then we can return to Peace Park on ... Haney Place? (The street that's one block south of McIntosh). Feedback is welcome.

Michael asked Jonathan Mak at the HUB office about the possibility of getting a ride leader since nobody on the committee has done first aid training. Jonathan is happy to arrange that, and the first thing he'll need is a date. Michael will create and share a survey asking if you want to participate in the ride and if so, he'll have a few dates you can indicate your availability for.

CEED Centre Family Block Party, Saturday June 10

Jackie received an invite for the committee from Christian Cowley of the CEED Centre to put up a booth at their Family Block Party on June 10, 10-2, at Beckett Park and the CEED Centre neighbourhood House. No one at the meeting was able/interested to volunteer. Jackie will ask Michael.

Jackie recommended to attendees to watch the video recording of the All Committee Workshop on MUPs. She will send a link to committee members.