

HUB Richmond/YVR Committee: *Meeting Minutes*

Date/Time: Thursday, June 13 • 7:00-8:30PM

Place: Online via Google Meet

Google Meet Info

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Co-Chairs: Jesse Li, Devyn Cairns

Present: Jesse, Devyn, Donna, Kevin Matthews, Minchien Lu, Victor Martinez, Abbas Virji, Anna

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Check-in- name, pronouns; for new members, what they're interested about in the committee; Call to order for agenda, new items welcome.

3. Items for Discussion

- Things that happened this month:
 - Bark Park (Jesse) - safest option to build a new path along north part; also enhancements to a detour route on No 3 Rd, Finn Rd, and Garden City
 - E-scooter event - June 1st - Victor was there too. Had a booth at Landsdowne mall, told people re: HUB. Will be an annual event.
 - Go by Bike Week - Richmond had a celebration station at the Canada Line Bridge
 - June Social ride - June 8th - about 20 people. Good turnout. Rode from Golden Tree to Steveston (London Farms)
 - Island City by Bike Tour - June 9th, had a booth there, talked to Nathan and Sonali
 - Vincent's E-bike savings article published
- E-bike education - what can we do?- Councilor McNulty asked this question. Many people speeding and on the roads and sidewalks, disregarding traffic laws. Eg. ignoring red lights, weaving through people. He hopes we can work with people to educate them more.
 - Ideas (Devyn)- setting examples during rides, getting people to understand their responsibilities; working with HUB for an educational event such as the one for e-scooters
 - Victor - also concerned about their speed, not sure what can be done. Organizing an event - how to communicate that?
 - Devyn - instead of an event, thinking of doing education during social rides, but how to get them to participate?

- Victor - see them on Railway. Maybe drawing with charcoal on the ground, something simple. Or paper printouts, post at intersections so they can read when stopped.
 - Jesse - targeting people when they get their e-bikes. HUB has e-bike programs, and can ask vendors to communicate this to them.
 - Devyn - councilors may think we have more weight than we do
 - Donna - we're volunteers.....idea - signs on streets for e-bikes, such as speed signs
 - Devyn - Shared pathway, with speed limit signs
 - Minchien - Have speed limit radar screens on multi use paths? (Like those used on roads that show your current speed)
 - Jesse - this is a tough problem, but does it seem like there's anything easy?
 - Victor - organize an information day event and put some printouts and ask retail shops that sell e-bikes to do some promotion. Chalk on the Railway Greenway, elsewhere?
 - Jesse - Streetwise is running an education campaign at Thompson right now, don't know if e-bike education is covered as part of that, would be good to do it at the same time
 - Victor is going to help out with this.
- No Right Turn on Red Campaign
 - Discuss - what else can we share with staff to support our case?
 - Jesse - talked with Sonali (Manager of Transportation at CoR), interested in investigating, doesn't think that right turn on red is a major problem, but would like to see data
 - Presented Vincent's presentation on RTOR to RATC yesterday
 - 1.6 km of No 3 Rd that has a large share of pedestrian/cyclist accidents
 - What can we share with staff to make our argument stronger? Top 20 collisions have around 100 collisions per year, contrast with only 10-20 for the most dangerous ones for ped/cyclist, so not surprising that those didn't show up in Top 20.
 - Very likely that interventions needed for these intersections are a lot cheaper. Cost/benefit ratio hopefully similar.
 - Devyn - should weigh pedestrians and cyclists separately, funding specifically for pedestrian/cyclist incidents vs cars. Not just one bucket. Prioritize intersections where there are issues.

- Jesse - city also has limited funds. Cost to benefit ratio is important.
 - Can share our discussion with Nathan
 - Victor - wears a GoPro video for past 2 months while on bike. Have a bunch of videos - lots of dangerous right turns. The drivers don't stop, don't shoulder check. Can look for some video clips this summer. Also, pedestrians don't know the rules.
 - Devyn - more helpful to show the events at the right lights. Talked to Ivan Chan, he also has been taking clips with bad incidents and sending them to the RCMP. Sometimes they take action, esp the VPD. Suggestion - Victor could send clips to the police.
 - Donna - if drivers notice camera, they behave better.
 - Jesse - **Action Item (Victor)** - look through video, may be useful to HUB's NRTOR
- Help needed - reaching out to other like-minded groups - seniors, disability, walking groups to have some sort of coalition. **Action Item:** Anna, Devyn will help contact orgs
- Devyn - spreadsheet to keep track of organizations- Action Item (Jesse)
- Minimum passing distance letter - brought up at RATC
 - Kevin - roads could use signs re: this new law
 - Dinsmore Bridge, cars often get close to cyclists - for example would be a good place; Shell Road as well; Landsdowne (bw Oval and Landsdowne Canada Line Station, on both sides as you have to bike on the road)
 - Jesse - Action Items: we have new signs; present them to Nathan and request that they be posted at the intersections discussed.
 - Minchien - Garden City Road, bw Granville Ave - so tricky, confusing to turn, no bike trail. Suggestion from group - go through the park, or get in by elementary school and get onto bike path. Turn one block earlier.
 - Abbas - River and No. 6 Rd - another good place to place sign
 - Kevin - No 3 Rd, where it ends
- State of Cycling Report/meeting with staff => who is interested in attending & representing?
 - Jesse - 2 or 3 people would be good. Amy and Vincent read through the report (they're not here today). What times are people available?
 - Donna - **Action:** add Victor, Abbas, Vincent, Kevin, and Minchien to the Google Groups for the LC. Jesse sent the invite (done).
- Ideas for upcoming rides

- July social ride - Ride to Queensborough (thoughts on using River Rd, less traffic on weekends, or just MUP both ways?). Or, a one-way trip Richmond Brighthouse to 20th Ave Station. Main concern - is River Road safe enough to lead people on a ride?

Donna - it's a popular training route for Peletons early am. Not many trucks on the weekends.

Spend some time in Queensborough

- Infrastructure focused ride (bike counters?)
- Inter-LC ride to Victoria - a big ride - start early am and get back later at night. Jesse - a friend would not recommend a day trip bc you'd have to immediately return. Another option is to take a 2-day trip and visit the Victoria LC. Possible to get hotel group rates, campgrounds. Donna - if going by bike, hotel may be easier. **Action Item:** Donna and Devyn figure out the details. Devyn - contact Cathy for a way to contact all the LC's. Ride possibly for September.

- Update on RATC (Derek/Jesse)
- Update on Great Blue Heron Way (Sheryl)
- Update on council meetings (Sheryl)
- Review action items from last meeting

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- Upcoming events:
 - June 15 - Rescheduled Movement hike to Lynn Peak
 - June 20 - Streetwise volunteer event @ Thompson Community Centre (Ivan, Sheryl, Anna)
 - ~~June 24~~ Unknown date in the future - Possible ride with BC Tourism Minister Popham?
 - Various shifts for Streetwise
 - July social ride - maybe something out to East Richmond? Discussed
 - Various events to try adaptive bikes through Spinal Cord Injury
- Engagement opportunities:
 - [Railway Greenway Lighting \(Lets Talk Richmond\)](#) and open house on Saturday, June 22 at Branscombe House, from 9 to 11am.
 - [Steveston Streetscape Phase 2 \(Lets Talk Richmond\)](#)
- (time permitting) - Review progress on the initiatives list

5. Action Items

- **Anna** - send followup email with minutes

- **Jesse** - create agenda for next meeting
- **Victor** - look through recorded footage for anecdotal evidence of dangerous behavior of RTOR incidents.
- **Jesse** - create spreadsheet to track other stakeholders to contact for RTOR
- **Jesse, Anna, Devyn, anyone who's free** - help with reaching out to other stakeholders on RTOR; see spreadsheet that Jesse is making
- **Jesse** - Follow up with Nathan on minimum passing distance law and locations for signs
- **Devyn** - fill in template letter for minimum passing distance and sent to city council
- **Devyn, Donna** - Start working on Victoria 2-day bike ride trip
- **Devyn, Donna, Abbas** - hash out details of ride to Hamilton/Queensborough for July social ride.
- **Jesse** - Find out who's interested in meeting with city staff about state of cycling report
- **Victor** - help with advertising HUB's bike education programs. (Lower priority)

6. Next meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2024, 7:00-8:30PM in-person and online. If you have items for the agenda, please email richmond@bikehub.ca