

# HUB Richmond/YVR Committee: *Meeting Agenda*

**Date/Time:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 • 7:00-8:30PM

**Place:** Richmond Caring Place Society **7000 Minoru Blvd, RM 294**, Richmond, BC V6Y 3Z5

## **Google Meet Info**

[meet.google.com/ubj-opdx-dok](https://meet.google.com/ubj-opdx-dok)

**Co-Chairs:** Anna Chow, Donna Kwan, Jesse Li

**Speaking Order:** Donna, Jesse, Anna, Derek, Sheryl

## **1. Welcome & Introductions**

- Check-in- name, pronouns; Call to order for May Agenda, new items welcome.

## **2. Review & Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting**

- [Minutes](#) for April 2023 meeting.

## **3. Items for Discussion**

- [SalmonFest 2023](#) - Michael Patrick from the Steveston Community Centre occurring Sat. July 1st, returning for first time since pandemic.
  - Seeking booth partners. There may be a bike valet, so we could be placed next/near that.
  - Could do a member drive, hand out swag, promote bike education.
  - 6 hour day (11:00 to 17:00); may need shifts
  - Roads closed at 9 AM due to parade, but possibly work-aroundable. Need to work out logistics.
- [ParticipACTION Community Challenge](#) - June 2nd at Thompson Community Centre, 4PM to 6PM. Near Railway Greenway.
  - Looking for volunteers to hand out flyers, member drive, signatures for Steveston MUP?, etc. .
  - Maybe ask Mike from Krusty's for bike tuneups?
  - Note: Conflicts with HUB Celebration Station at Canada Line Bikeway on River Rd which occurs at same time.
    - Bike celebration station volunteer signup:  
<https://bikehub.ca/civicrm/vol#/volunteer/opportunities?project=22&dest=event&hideSearch=1>
- Discussion of Steveston MUP controversy and actions to support it
  - Summary of public feedback so far:

- Some people think it's just a painted bike lane and think the cost is unreasonable as a result
  - Render on Nextdoor post is not particularly representative - doesn't show separation from motor traffic
  - Air quality came up as a concern
- Summary of overall budget status:
  - MUP project is from Shell to Railway. Original budget was approved several years ago, including this year's ~\$2.8M for Phase 3 (from No. 2 to Railway).
    - Additional \$2.8M coming from Translink (who provides 50% cost share)
  - Phase 1 and 2 have finished detailed design, went to tender, but bids all came back over-budget. Report in March asked to accommodate this by asking City Council to increase the budget by ~\$2.5M, and City Council told Staff to investigate Williams Rd as an alternative (which is where we're now).
  - Phase 3 is undergoing a redesign.
- Potential for rapid implementation:
  - Between No. 2 and Railway there's a left turn lane. If that got reallocated, plus lane narrowing (i.e. repainting lines), there should be enough space freed up on road surface for a MUP + concrete barrier protection, without need for any relocation of obstacles/utilities (since pre-existing road surface is being used)
  - [Translink Rapid Implementation Guidelines](#) suggests concrete barriers cost \$0.5~1M per km, and Phase 3 is <1 km. So possibly could save the City \$1M or more?
  - [Translink dashboard](#) shows that this section of road is never congested, even during rush hour
  - Rapid implementation would also speed up actual construction, making up for lost time from these delays.
  - Only disadvantage identified is that by doing this, we'd lose some funding from Translink due to cost-share structure. But City would still save money, and funding could be gotten in future from an upgrade project
  - Council seems to be OK with pushing back against motorists - e.g. speed limit reductions, automatic camera enforcement
  - Would be great optics for us - we're working with Council to reduce costs

- Jesse is meeting with Richmond Centre for Disability tomorrow (May 12) to try to garner their support
- Air quality doesn't seem to be a concern - Amy (air quality scientist) says benefits from cycling outweigh those from air quality
- We need to collate all of the reasons we want the Steveston MUP project (and for it to be on Steveston instead of Williams)
  - [List them here](#)
- Bike Rack Campaign update (Predag, Jesse)
  - No update since Predrag isn't here
- Great Blue Heron Way (Sheryl)
  - Progress is slow, but going
  - Council had motion on May 1 to hire Indigenous Relations manager, mirroring other municipalities
  - Council can't readily acknowledge tribes due to lawsuit around Garden City Lands
- Events Committee; debrief on Advance Your Ride and Ride Marshaling Courses (Donna, Anna)
  - Covered how to organize and guide a group ride, various safety things around it, e.g. maneuvering in traffic, taking the lane, taking left turns
- Summer Ride - Some options brought up.
  - Doors Open Richmond - maybe we can publish a recommended bike route for this event?
  - Garlic Festival is Aug. 20 - could aim for that again?
  - June is the Island City Bike Tour
- Richmond Active Transportation Committee: no updates - next RATC meeting May 17th
- Public Works Open House is this Saturday May 13, 11:00 to 15:00 - <https://www.richmond.ca/culture/calendar/special-events/Open.htm>
- 21st Island City Bike Tour - Pre-ride Sunday, May 28, 2023

## 5. Action Items

- **Jesse** - talk with Nathan Andrews as soon as possible about rapid-implementation of Phase 3 Steveston MUP
- **Jesse** - Ask Nathan at next RATC meeting about pre-ride and whether HUB committee members can join

- **Donna, Anna** - Figure out logistics and volunteers for upcoming events - ParticipACTION at Thompson Community Centre; GBBW Celebration Station at Canada Line; SalmonFest.
- **Devyn** - Identify a bike route suitable for Doors Open and coordinate to get it publicized somehow
- **Everyone** - List supporting reasons for the Steveston MUP project here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ls-LGtjScjXq1cEn-RgO9solCuywG5AQOOip6yx4Iw/edit?usp=sharing>

**6. Next meeting:** Thursday, June 8, 2023, 7:00-8:30PM in-person and online. If you have items for the agenda, please email [richmond@bikehub.ca](mailto:richmond@bikehub.ca) Last meeting before summer hiatus. Can meet or discuss informally as issues arise.