

2021-341-RZ; 22108, 22118, 22126, 22136, 22146, 22154 and 22164 Lougheed Highway; bike parking

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Re: Council meeting Sept. 28, first reading

Dear Mayor and Council,

The developer of this 6-storey apartment building in the Town Centre will be required to provide just 1 long-term bicycle parking space per 4 units, as per the Off-street Parking and Loading Bylaw. We appreciate developer voluntarily offers to provide some additional long-term bike parking, however the proposed number is still only less than 1 per every 3 units (70 spaces for 224 units). This is well below what is required municipalities in Metro Vancouver. In [our letter of July 8, 2021](#) with regard to the development proposal for 22083 and 22057 Lougheed Hwy (2018-180-RZ) we recommended a change to Maple Ridge's bylaw to bicycle parking spaces per unit in all multifamily developments in the city. Therefore we kindly propose to Council to request the provision of 1.25 bicycle parking spaces per unit for this apartment building as well.

According to TransLink's Major Bike Network map (see below), the specific area meant to benefit from this planned Network is the area south of Hwy 7, west of the Haney Bypass, as marked on the map. However multi-use path planned on the north side of Hwy 7, and there is no bike route at all south of Hwy 7, for the entire area between the Haney Bypass to the east and 216 Ave. to the west. On the agenda for the Council Sept. 28 is another proposal for an apartment building west of this one, just outside the Town Centre (2021-101-RZ; 21938, 21952, 21964, 21976 and 21988 Lougheed Highway, see our e-mail of today). It can be travel by car by the hundreds of people who are going to be living in these two apartment buildings is going to cause even more congestion on both River Road and Lougheed Highway. By improving bicycle access to this area in this prime location so close to many amenities, many of these residents could be convinced to use their bikes for short and medium trips in Maple Ridge, which will help reduce congestion.



With kind regards,

*HUB Cycling
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