



HUB - New Westminster  
Draft Minutes of Hybrid Meeting in Discord and the Ash Street Room  
of New Westminster Public Library (Main Branch)  
Wednesday February 15, 2023

Present: Jaqueline Brower, Andrew Feltham (online), Shane Griffin, Heidi Hizsa, Fulton Tom (Minutes), Karen Trenaman (arrived after meeting start), and Robert Wong.

Call to order: 6:06 PM

1. Meeting Openers

- a) Welcoming newcomers & introductions
- b) Check-In: Members highlighted their favourite bike rides: slow food rides, commute to work, ride to shopping, bookcase & brick hauling trips, and night rides in industrial areas.
- c) Review of Agenda & Minutes from Last Meeting – Review of Agenda: add Notices of Motion. Approved. Review of Minutes (January 18, 2022): Shane is unsure whether he can take on the role of Council watcher. Approved.

2. Advocacy

- a) 2023 Priorities & Goal Setting – Other HUB local committees have fewer and broader priorities such as. HUB-NW's more extensive 2023 priorities list should be regarded as an actions or fixes list with individual items falling under the broader priorities. Some of HUB-NW's thematic priorities could be get more members, advocate for more bike parking, update the UnGap the Map list, and increase awareness & accountability of Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP). Heidi will send out a poll for members to vote on HUB-NW's top three priorities.

HUB-NW's priorities should align with the ATNP and HUB-NW will inform the City of projects that should be part of the ATNP.

Heidi and Brad's Meeting with Mike Anderson, City of New Westminster Manger of Transportation – Mike is a cyclist and supports improved cycling facilities. The City considers 2023 as year 0 in the 5-year ATNP because funding is not in place yet. The NWSS Cycling Connector is incomplete; contractors still need to apply road markings when warmer weather allows. Budget discussions on the ATNP are expected in July. The East Columbia Street portion of the Brunette-Fraser Regional Greenway is being widened by narrowing the motor vehicle lanes.

Heidi established the ATNP Brain dump document (see [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rBEwpRoM9d\\_J19mWApbIzGcMjR5IgFOx2BM21ihvn\\_M/edit#heading=h.motikmktpoz](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rBEwpRoM9d_J19mWApbIzGcMjR5IgFOx2BM21ihvn_M/edit#heading=h.motikmktpoz)) where members can share their thoughts about the plan.

- b) Partnership/Relationship – ICBC Update – Cyclists that have had an adversarial relationship with ICBC due to accidents are uncomfortable with ICBC's messaging at Go by Bike Week stations.

HUB has had a working relationship with ICBC for over 10 years that it wants to maintain despite not feeling always listened to. ICBC provides about \$10,000 to HUB annually. ICBC also provides about \$170 for refreshments at HUB-NW's Go by Bike Week stations annually.

HUB-NW won't make any change presently but Heidi recommends that HUB establish a policy regarding its funding/sponsorship (perhaps along the lines of RAVEN Trust's policy, which rejects funding that conflicts with its causes).

Action: Heidi will contact the New Westminster police board about aggressive driver behaviours against cyclists.

c) HUB SD40 Bike Friendly Buildings Report – Tim Welsh, HUB Director of Program Development, met with representatives of SD40 (including Mark Layzell) to discuss the report and expects more bike racks at middle schools as a result.

Kate Shen, HUB Director of Partnerships & Events, is collaborating with a vice-principal of NWSS on a Go by Bike Week event at the school.

d) Volunteer Opportunities – Heidi has posted HUB-NW volunteer opportunities on Discord.

e) Queensborough Transportation Plan Update – Urban Systems held a workshop regarding the plan, which is part of the ATNP. According to their responses in questionnaires, Queensborough residents want more bike lanes and sidewalks, improved safety through separation from roadways, and more bike parking in the Queensborough Landing shopping areas. Reena Meijer Drees of the Walkers' Caucus wants priority lanes for buses.

f) Un-Gap the Map Priority List – TransLink wants to view New Westminster's Un-Gap the Map list. A HUB-NW volunteer is needed to update the list.

g) Snow Management Letter – Shane and Heidi are drafting a letter to the City requesting that it prioritize snow removal on mobility lanes and bike routes

h) Notices of Motion (City Council) – Members were encouraged to support several cycling linked motions: Councillor Henderson's motion to extend school zone speed limits beyond 8 am to 5 pm (as part of a larger safety measure), Councillor Nakagawa's motion to address systemic inequities in municipalities, and Mayor Johnstone's motion on making traffic fines proportional to the offender's income. Decreasing the distance to bike routes increases the likelihood that women (but not men) will bicycle.

Andrew noted that 30 km /hour speed limits on greenways around schools already apply 24 hours per day and routes to school also need to be safer for students traveling to school.

### 3. Activities

a) Social Event with City Councilors Update/Planning – HUB-NW will wait for the completion of the NWSS Cycling Connector before scheduling the event.

b) Participaction Community Challenge – The City has applied for the grant, which would be used for cycling related events.

c) Go by Bike Week – GobyBikeBC holds a Winter GobyBike Week from February 6 to 12 (see <https://gobybikebc.ca/event-info/>) that is separate from HUB’s Go by Bike Week. HUB-NW expects to organize a community station for HUB’s Spring Go by Bike Week.

d) Bike Awards (Thursday February 23) – Members were encouraged to attend the free virtual event, registration on HUB’s website is required.

e) Hyack Parade (Saturday May 27) – HUB-NW will have a contingent of cyclists in the parade and possibly hand out brochures to engage the public. Heidi has asked Jonathan Mak to print some business cards for HUB-NW to hand out to cyclists.

Action: Fulton will apply on behalf of HUB-NW to participate in the parade and will work with Jaqueline to plan its participation.

f) ATNP Reading Party (date TBA) – Fulton suggested adding a discussion portion to the party.

Adjourned: 7:36 pm

Next Hybrid Meeting: Wednesday March 15 at 6 pm virtually on Discord and in the Ash Street Room of the New Westminster Public Library

Action: Fulton will suggest to HUB that Fraser Health hold its Royal Columbian Hospital Go by Bike Week station at a different time than noon to 2 pm to get more visitors.