

Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows HUB Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2023 - 5:45 pm - Maple Ridge Public Library

Attendees: Ivan Chow, Jackie Chow, Jenny Wright, Michael Nelson, Sigrun Gilmour

Minutes of previous meeting - approved.

Agenda for this meeting - approved with the addition of:

5.3 Rides

4. Old Business

4.1 ATAC PM - next ATAC meeting is April 17 in person and Erin is now part of the committee

Still waiting for a design update for the GEBP MUP to Parkside trail connection.

Should have an update on the Active Transportation Network Review at our next meeting.

There is still time to provide feedback to MOTI regarding the proposed new Harris road / Lougheed highway intersection(s).

As most people will have heard the future of the Harris road CPR underpass is in question because of the tripling of the estimated cost. I'll keep the group posted as things develop, but at this point I think the feeling is the city will not agree to contributing \$50 million to the project.

4.2 TAC MR - Nothing to report.

4.3 Presentation to Pitt Meadows Council - Going ahead May 2nd.

4.4 Rides with Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge Councillors - Maple Ridge to go as a group. Pitt Meadows will go separate from Maple Ridge. Jenny will try to arrange the rides before mid May. Best to go mid-week as Councillors will see the situation around the schools. Possible dates May 3, 8, 12; Time 1:30-3:00. Members possibly available for the ride: Jenny, Michael, Ivan, Jackie, Sigrun.

4.5 Collaboration for AST - Professional Development Day May 10 - possible presentation to teachers and staff with Jenny Wright of Hub Cycling, Kirk Grayson of Climate Hub and Craig Towers, President of Parent Advisory Council at Yennadon Elementary.

Still waiting to hear if Jenny's presentation to Principals, Vice Principals and School Trustees will be approved.

4.6 Earth Day - Bike cleaning at Dave's April 15 at 10:00.

Dave is leaving April 20 so we need to pick up remaining bikes at his place before then;

Jenny and Jeff will take the majority of the bikes in their trailer to their property;

Sigrun will announce when the draw will take place at 1:00 and introduce Mayor Ruimy and MLA D'Eith (MLA has agreed to do the draw with Mayor - this was added after our meeting).

Michael will bring the bikes up when their number is to be drawn;

Gift card draw - those entering the draw will fill out a short survey about elephant feet and bike boxes to be entered to win gift certificate. Gift certificates will be drawn at a later date and winners contacted by email.

4.7 Westridge Greenway Assessment Ride - Plan for sometime after ride with Councillors;

Ask Councillors/staff what we can do to move this forward;

This could be a legacy for Councillors to get this done during their time in Office.

4.8 Pitt Meadows Day Parade - Netty is away until end of April so can not do anything until then;

As of April 5 - 4 people are in parade. We need more people to cycle. Netty suggested that she would post to Pitt Meadows Facebook page in early May but Jackie said she must post to HUB Facebook Page and RMCyclist before opening up to public, and community facebook pages. Michael will send Netty HUB's account on smartwaiver.com so riders can digitally sign waivers online;

We don't need insurance, first aid person or certified ride leader;

Netty can ask Jonathan if he has any folders with HUB information to give out at the parade;

Netty would like contact number for person from ICBC who had a bunch of swag related to cycling at GETI Fest last year.

Netty would like to know if she should contact the local bike shops for swag items. It was decided that this was not a good idea.

4.9 Review of how other Committees organize responsibility of roles -

Jenny made a list of roles and who is responsible. There are lots of roles

open - this is good for new members to see what roles are available to them and what they can learn about. Jenny felt that the Membership Coordinator role which is vacant is one that is important to fill. We will discuss more at our next meeting.

- 4.10 Rides** - Michael is now qualified to lead rides. We still need someone with First Aid training - Michael and Verity are interested in getting this qualification.

5. New Business

5.1 Ideas for quick and cost effective cycling projects:

203rd and 113b needs protected bike lanes;

Crossing 203 from Thorne onto path is not straight - could it be straightened out;

Brown Avenue protected bike lanes on both sides should be along the whole corridor now;

222nd between Dewdney and Lougheed - protected bike lanes on both sides of road;

227th protected bike lanes between Dewdney and Abernethy;

Selkirk one way for cars and bike lanes between 226th and 227 St.; installation of a flashing light at 227 St.; Selkirk across 227th into Valley Fair Mall and vice-versa - is this crossing going to be straightened out?;

Cottonwood protected bike lanes between 118 and Dewdney;

216th protected bike lanes between Donovan and Lougheed;

240th between 112 and Dewdney - swap parking lanes with bike lanes;

Selkirk crossing at 224th by Walmart - a 4 way stop is needed there;

227th and 119th - a 4 way stop is needed there;

Jackson Road - bike lane is needed on both sides of road;

5.2 Climate Action Summit - Jackie, Jenny and Sigrun attended.

Promising event. Lots of mention of active transportation by George Heyman B.C. Minister of Environment and Climate Change and Mayor Ruimy.

Workshop in afternoon with Dr. Alison Shaw's group from Simon Fraser

University “Action on Climate”. Workstations set up where people could suggest opportunities for change, state what the obstacles are and offer solutions to the obstacles. This information will be compiled and presented to Mayor and Council. Lots of networking and discussions during this workshop.

Mayor Ruimy is setting up a climate action task force.

6.0 Roundtable

Jackie notes that during Forrest Smith’s presentation to Council as part of the budget deliberations, he showed a slide that listed the active transportation projects planned for 2024: 123 Avenue MUP (216 to Laity); 121 Avenue sidewalk; Hwy 7 MUP (216 to 220); and Thorne MUP (not funded yet - possibly from Growing Communities Fund).