

HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Pizza-in-the-park meeting Aug 10, 2017

In attendance: Peter J., Barry, Ivan, Michael, Jackie

Guest: Leanne Koehn

Regrets: Kino

Agenda

- Presentation Leanne Koehn: Repair Cafes. As the organizer of the annual Earth Day celebrations, Leanne is organizing lead-up events for Earth Day 2018 (theme: Fix it, Make it, Grow it, Share it) in March/April. She's hoping that HUB MR/PM will participate with a workshop on how to fix bikes. Barry and Dave are both interested in helping out. Barry attended the first planning meeting on Aug. 8.

Past MR/PM events:

None

Upcoming MR/PM events:

- Sept. 16: GETI Fest: Cycle Recycle (theme: sustainability) (Barry). Barry has collected enough bikes (12) but is looking for more volunteers before he and Dave will commit to the event. Jackie to request volunteers through facebook/Mailchimp e-mail list subscribers. We'll do one draw only, at 1 pm.

Other:

- Aug. 1: Open House separated bike lanes 123 Ave. between 203rd St. and Laity St. (update). The Neighbourhood Traffic Advisory Committee had stated their preference of curb bulges and traffic circles to calm traffic, to solve speeding issues. At the first Open House in March 2016 the City received lots of feedback from cyclists who preferred separated bike lanes rather than curb bulges and traffic circles. This second Open House showed separated bike lanes. About 200 people showed up at the Open House. Many residents are upset about these plans, as all curb parking will be lost. They expect the school parking at Laityview Elementary School will also be a big problem, although the City will create about 27 parking spots at Volker Park close to the school. Jackie and Ivan are working on an inventory of available parking in driveways/garages/carports and school and church parking lots. Barry will take a look at curb parking. It appears most residents have ample parking on their driveways, but many park on the street out of convenience. There are also various side streets available for overflow parking, however residents there are apparently also unhappy about non-residents parking on their streets.
A big issue is also the fact that quite a few people, including cyclists, are unhappy about the bi-directional cycle track on 203rd Street, which connects to 123 Ave. at the west end. They worry that 123 Ave. is going to be similar. People complain that few people on bikes use the cycle track, and they still see cyclists use the road and thus impede car traffic. Lots of green paint was used at all the driveways and intersections. One cyclist was hit while riding on the cycle track.
- Aug. 8: Open House separated bike lanes on 227th Street between Abernathy Way and Dewdney Trunk Road (update). Parking will be preserved on the west side of the road. There were some negative comments, but also positive. Attendance of the Open House was moderate.

- Mon. June 12, 6-8:30: Maple Ridge Tourism Forum, presentations a.o. about adventure tourism, including cycle touring (also mountain biking and road races), sport tourism and outdoor recreation as a means to attract tourists to Maple Ridge. Richard Campbell of BC Cycling Coalition did a presentation about cycle tourism, which was well received. Coun. Sam Waddington of the City of Chilliwack spoke a.o. about mountain biking.
- Request from Economic Development Office for a few suggested bike routes for visitors. Jackie asked for suggested destinations, so that we can suggest a route. Perhaps we could consider a Historic Hammond route, based on the [guided bike tour](#) we did of Hammond with Ian MacLeod of Fraseropolis.
- HUB committee's possible involvement in fixing up dirt trail from Kingston Street south of 113B Ave to Ditton Street in Hammond. This was a suggestion by Colleen MacDonald of the LetsGoBiking.net blog. She included the trail in one of her suggested routes. Leanne Koehn was quite interested in seeing the trail improved and felt that there would be lots of local residents that would like to get involved. She expected we should be able to get a grant for this. Jackie to contact David Boag to see if this would be a viable project.