

HUB Richmond/YVR Committee: *Meeting Minutes*

Date/Time: Thursday, January 9 • 7:00-8:30PM

Place: Richmond Caring Place Society **7000 Minoru Blvd, RM 294** and online via Google Meet

Google Meet Info

meet.google.com/ubj-opdx-dok

Present: Jesse Li, Sheryl, Anna, Ingrid, Devyn Cairns, Shannon, Victor, Donna, Yvonne

1. Welcome & Introductions

- Check-in- name, pronouns; for new members, what they're interested about in the committee; Call to order for agenda, new items welcome.
- New faces:
 - Ingrid - previously part of the committee but less active recently. Reads minutes sometimes, hoping to join and become active again.
 - Shannon - finds that there's not enough good bike parking.

3. Items for Discussion

- Things that happened since last meeting:
 - Translink Major Bike Network workshop. Additional feedback needed ([see this form](#))

Translink is interested in groups who would support as allies, and who would be resistant in Richmond. Major bike networks in Richmond include Railway and Steveston MUP.

 - Supporters:
 - Cycling clubs (Steveston Velo Club - Sanctuary Cafe bike group, [Richmond Bicycle Club](#) (which might be the same))
 - Health department (Vancouver Coastal Health), Health Officer - Dr. Meena Dawar
 - Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition
 - Richmond Center for Disability
 - KPU's Campus Sustainability group (not it's formal name - Victor to pass name)
 - Ironwood businesses - may be interested in completion of Steveston MUP
 - Great Blue Heron Way project
 - Resistance

- Local businesses (could be convinced, if reduce parking, and foot traffic is increased)
 - Country club (Steveston Hwy) - individual members have voiced opposition
 - Transit Conversation (SFU study)
 - Barriers to transit: convenience or lack of, time (transit vs. driving), lack of space during rush hour, wait times for buses when there's multiple connections. Takeaway - transit should be improved, people are more willing for something like the Skytrain when wait times are lower. We also don't allow pets on transit like Seattle does. Perhaps when non-rush-hour, they have a designated train to have animal riders.
 - Connections where main corridor is metro, then one connection via bus
 - Researchers are amalgamating everything, not sure what they're doing with the results. We've asked to be notified when the study is published.
 - Richmond News opinions on Steveston Hwy MUP
 - Two opinions against, and two opinions support
 - Main concerns: cost and no one using it
 - Comments in the against opinion supported the MUP, showing support
- Update on RATC (Derek/Jesse)
 - No updates; RATC meets next week.
 - No. 3 Rd plastic delineators - Jesse put in request to replace them after they were removed for repaving
 - Contact Nathan Andrews nandrews@richmond.ca if interested in quick/easy-to-do infrastructure changes,
 - Reporting to City Customer Service <https://infocentre.richmond.ca/app/ask/incidents.cat/22> for things like blackberry bush pruning
- Update on Great Blue Heron Way (Sheryl)
 - No updates, no meeting in December
 - Regional Greenway 2050 Plan - the Great Blue Heron Way (greenway, connecting the history and culture)) will be part of it. Currently the Great Blue Heron Way is a boardwalk. Intention is to build a (walk) bridge over Hwy 17. The hwy was cut through First Nations land. Elder Ruth would like to restore the connection and for trail to go along water, as First Nations have a deep connection to the water. Eventually, link Mud/Boundary Bay also.

- Update on council meetings (Sheryl)
 - Went to wayfinding engagement - trying to promote destinations and tourism, greenways will be part of it. Cost factor too. Also QR codes for history, such as First Nations areas.
 - Nov 20 Active Transportation Committee
 - Dec 18 meeting
 - Submitted applications to the BC 24/25 Active Transportation Grant (one-off grants)
 - Aiming to remove extra lane along Westminster Highway near No 2 Rd, and putting in a bi-directional bike lane on the north side
 - Snow and ice response (question from Evan Dunfee) - is city prepared to de-ice bike routes.. City had other priorities.
 - Proposal to reduce speed from 50km/hr to 30km/hr, bw Westminster and Granville, on No 3 Rd
 - Staff now doing a traffic study.
 - Let's Talk Richmond - 5-year Financial Plan has been posted. Keep it in mind, if there's anything we're proposing, to refer back to the financial plan.
 - Developers can now forward \$ directly to the city to a pool of funds to use anywhere in the city instead of previously, where developers had to build infrastructure where their development was. City is also wanting to provide alternative transportation options such as bus passes and bike parking.
- Review action items from last meeting
- Action planning
 - **your top 3 objectives** for the coming year
 - More bike racks - advocate for bike rack grant from City, for existing property? Advocate bike parking to businesses.
 - 30 km/hr petitions in neighbourhoods
 - There are a few neighbourhood associations which we could try to get our names on
 - Get wide No. 3 Rd sidewalk categorized as a MUP with bikes permitted
 - Lansdowne from No. 3 to Minoru
 - **review (and celebrate!) your successes** from the previous year.
 - Various social rides & assessment rides
 - Bark Park
 - Williams Rd
 - Garlic Fest ride was good

- Go by bike ride
 - Queensborough ride
 - E-scooter event
- let us know what **new active transportation infrastructure** was built in your community in 2024
 - Steveston Highway MUP under construction
 - No. 2 Rd MUP
- Engagement opportunities:
 - Comment on Richmond 5 year plan (LetsTalkRichmond)
 - Bike Bus Program, <https://bikehub.ca/education/bike-bus-program> - keep an ear out if applications re-open
- (time permitting) - Review progress on the initiatives list

5. Action Items

- **Anna** - send followup email with minutes
- **Jesse** - create agenda for next meeting
- **Victor** - confirm name of Kwantlen group
- **Jesse/Devyn** - Ask at RATC about Steveston Highway MUP phase 4 budget delay
- **Jesse** - Look at map files from Sheryl on Garmin Connect or find someone to do that
- **Sheryl, Anna, Jesse** - Fill out gap list spreadsheet
- **Anna, Jesse** - Petition for 30km signs in Anna's neighbourhood
- **Devyn** - Plan out Steveston MUP social ride (waiting on completion of MUP)
- **Devyn** - Ping Lime about Lime station in Steveston usage, approach Merchant's Association to talk about benefits of more foot traffic with scooter riders, esp in summer. Use Cathy's lime contact

6. Next meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2025, 7:00-8:30PM online. If you have items for the agenda, please email richmond@bikehub.ca