



The Comox Valley Cycling Coalition respectfully acknowledges that we are gathering on the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation



# 15 Years and Going Strong!

We want to recognize and be grateful for the vast amount of work done by so many dedicated volunteers over the years!

Cycling discussions are transitioning from: "Why should we build it?" to

"How can we build it?"



# **Agenda**

- ☐ Approval of Minutes from 2023 AGM
- ☐ Receipt of 2023 Financials and 2024 Budget Forecast
- ☐ President's Report on Current Activities and Projects
- ☐ Open Floor to Questions from Members
- ☐ Election of 2024 Directors
- ☐ Presentation:
  - Newfoundland Bike Tour 2023 Gregg Strong

Motion to accept minutes...

# **2023 Financials**



#### **Income**

	2023	2023	2024
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Memberships	\$1,300	\$1,420	\$1,400
Bike Valet	\$1,200	\$1,231	\$1,200
Donations	\$200	\$100	
Interest		\$20	\$20
Other Income		<u>\$124</u>	
	\$2,700	\$2,894	\$2,620

#### **Expenses**

	2023	2023	2024
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Insurance	\$1,150	\$1,126	\$1,300
Meetings (Zoom)	\$300	\$330	\$350
Website	\$250	\$152	\$300
Bank, Paypal, Square Fees	\$250	\$143	\$200
BCCC Fees	\$50	\$50	\$50
Maintenance (trailer, bikes)	\$300		
Bike Rack Parts		\$296	
Other Expenses		<u>\$335</u>	
	\$2,300	\$2,433	\$2,200

#### **Summary**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$2,700	\$2,894	\$2,620
Expenses	\$2,300	\$2,433	\$2,200
Profit	\$400	\$462	\$420

"Non-Grant" items provided \$462 of profit in 2023





## **Project Funding - Grants**

	2023		2023	2023
	Grants Rec'd	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Spending</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Bike Racks	\$800	CVRD	\$800	\$0
Adult Ride Right Lessons	\$1,650	BCCC	\$1,546	\$104
Ride Right Program Development	\$5,000	BCCC	\$3,377	\$1,623
Safe Route Mapping Update	\$8,000	CVRD/BCCC	\$3,518	\$4,482
SD71 School Program	\$6,000	SD71	\$5,960	\$40
	\$21,450		\$15,201	\$6,249

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# **Membership**

- 134 members for 2023 (111 so far in 2024)
- Almost 829 followers on Facebook and 329 on our email distribution list
- Looking for volunteers to help with social media to provide better communication and promotion of our activities



## B.C. Cycling Coalition "BCCC"

- Umbrella group for almost 30 Cycling Groups around BC
- We were recipients of three BCCC grants in past two years, totalling \$10,650
- BCCC actively lobby MOTI for major changes to the Motor Vehicle Act such as passing laws, lower urban speed limits, and many others...
- Programs include Safe Routes Now, Kids on Wheels and Bike Sense
- FREE to join BCCC (charitable receipt if you make a donation)

www.cyclingbc.ca



#### **Focused on Our Priorities**

- 1. Education help cyclists to safely navigate existing infrastructure
  - School Cycling Program (SD 71)
  - Adult Education (Ride Right Program)

#### 2. Advocacy

- Work with general public and decision makers in all CV jurisdictions to assess needs and prioritize AT infrastructure improvements
- 3. Special Events/Networking
  - Bike Parking at major events
  - Safe Cycling Routes Map

#### Our Mission:

To encourage cycling as an effective, economical, healthy and environmentally friendly mode of transportation.

#### **Education - Kids**



- We partner with SD71 to provide a grassroots two-day cycling program to all 14 Elementary Schools in the Valley.
- We provide equipment, bikes, helmets, safety vests and over 1,000 hours of volunteer commitment per year



#### What do we need?

- Enthusiastic volunteers!
- Sign up or watch for school dates on Facebook so you can come see how much fun we have...



#### **Education - Adults**



"RIDE RIGHT" - Cycling Course

- 2 hour "hands on" course focused on helping you ride safely and with more confidence (groups of 4-6)
- Sign up on-line for this FREE member course (includes e-bike specific lessons)
- Discussing a plan to work with BCAA's Evolve e-bike sharing users when they arrive this summer

https://cyclecv.com/ride-right/

#### **Special Events**



- Provide <u>free bicycle parking</u> (donations only) at many events including:
  - Filberg Festival & Nautical Days
  - Musicfest
  - Snow to Surf
  - YANA Ride
  - And many, many more...
- Purchased additional racks in 2023

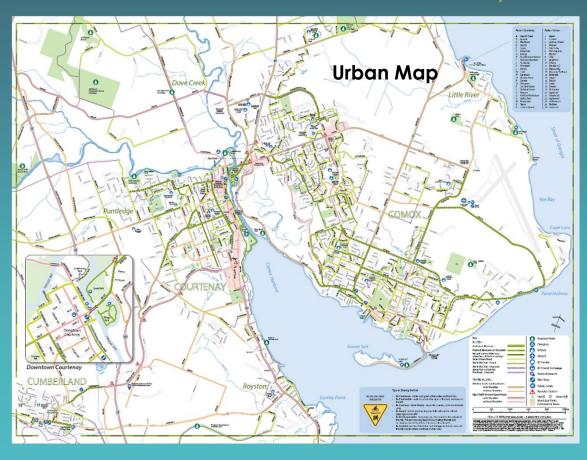
Allows hundreds of people to leave their cars at home!



#### **Cycling Map**



- First update to the maps since2016 (urban and regional maps)
- Printed and Digital (on-line) maps available in April 2024
- Hundreds of hours of volunteer work plus \$8,000 in grants
- Infrastructure changing so rapidly, we plan to continue with updates every 1-2 years



#### **Advocacy - Why Should We Support Biking?**



Personal Health

**Save Money** 

Less Infrastructure Maintenance Reduce Congestion

**Environmental** 

Because It's FUN!



#### **Advocacy**



- All local jurisdictions now have an Active Transportation Plan
- Focus is now on prioritizing and funding the many worthwhile projects (\$200M or more?)
- Retrofitting is expensive \$1M/km to add a shoulder on a rural road
- Grants are unpredictable, we need a reliable funding source
- MoTI needs to add personnel focused on Active Transportation and adjust their funding model

### **What Types of Facilities Do We Need?**



#### **Not Interested**



30%

# Interested, but Hesitant



Target Audience for Education and Advocacy

# Enthusiastic and Confident



10%





- ATNP finalized in 2021 (over \$80M on 25 projects)
- Royston Road ped/bike lane applied for BCAT grant
- CVRD are working with other municipalities on Lazo Greenway,
   Lake Trail MUP, Cumberland Connector, Sewer Upgrades
- Staff are investigating alternative funding methodologies grants are not predictable



#### **Comox - Infrastructure Projects**

- Lazo Rd, Point Holmes completed 2023 (need a celebration ride...)
- Lazo Greenway (MUP) summer 2024 construction

comoxvalleyrd.ca/projects-initiatives/past-current-projects/lazo-greenway-multiuse-path

• Sewer Conveyance Upgrade – started in spring 2024 (2+ years?)

engagecomoxvalley.ca/conveyanceproject



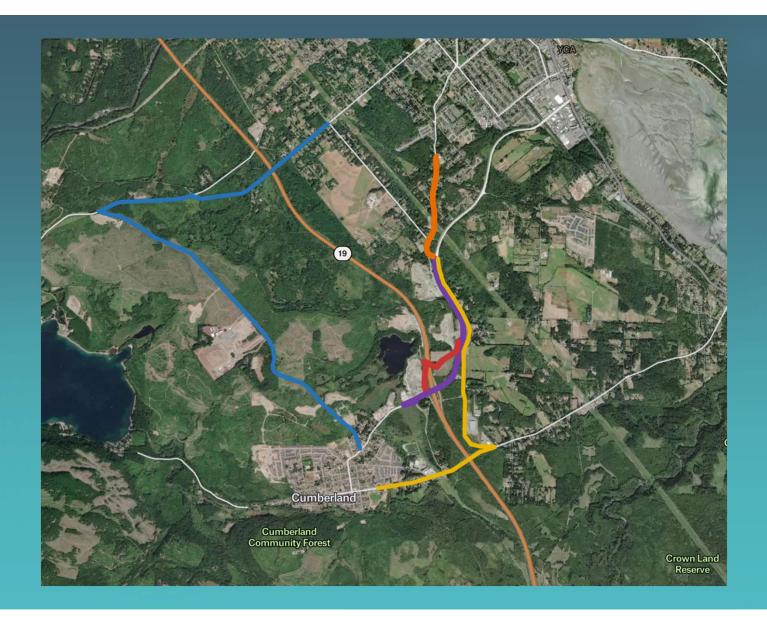


- Continuation of 5 year plan supporting ~\$250,000 per year spending on painted lanes and traffic calming.
  - Headquarters/Vanier, Cumberland Rd 2024 construction
- Targeting 40 kmph residential speeds (BC law needs to change).
- Bikeways Puntledge School example
- Studies to be done on Ryan Rd, Lerwick, 6th St (bridge to Fitz), 17th St Bridge,
   Tunner Drive (behind Superstore)



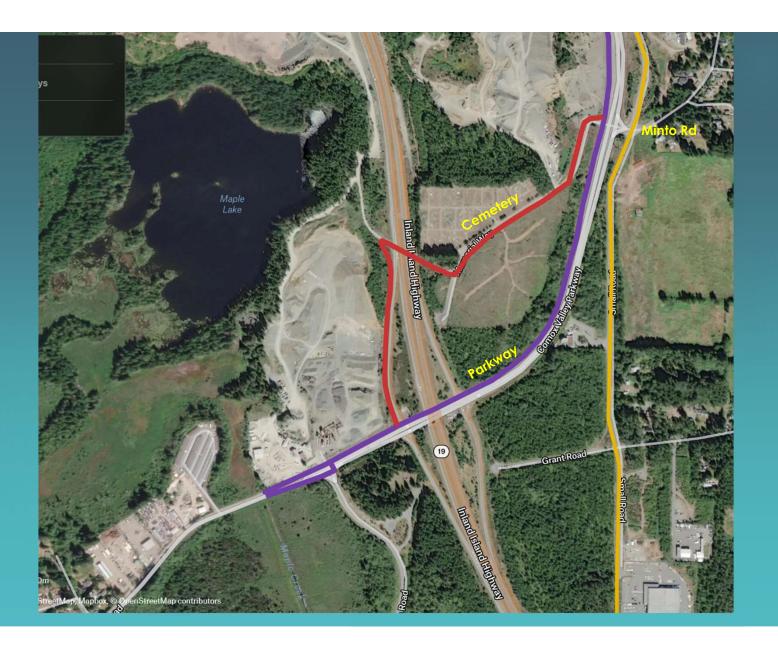


- Finalizing updates to Master Transportation Plan
- Cumberland Courtenay Connector (led by CVRD)
  - Currently reviewing options with CVRD, Village of Cumberland, City of Courtenay and consultant
  - CVRD staff plan to report to directors in April with preferred concept
  - ➤ Next step is to obtain detailed engineering and cost estimate for preferred routing as well as funding (~2.5km, likely \$5+ Million?)





# Cumberland Connector Options Overview

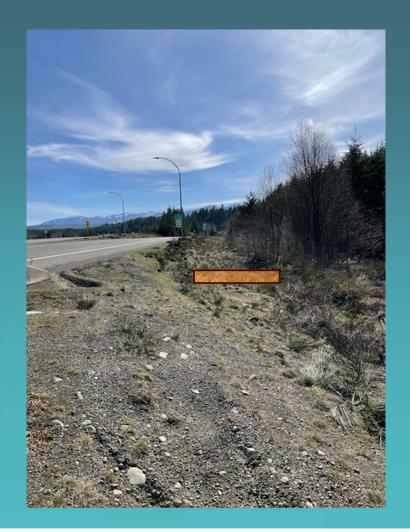




# Parkway vs Memorial Way Tunnel









# **Memorial Way/Minto Road**







# **Questions?**



The Comox Valley Cycling Coalition greatly appreciates your support and enthusiasm about cycling!

If you want more information or are interested in membership, volunteering or updates, please get in touch:

Email: <u>cyclecv@gmail.com</u>

Website: <u>www.cyclecv.com</u>

Social Media: Facebook (search for CycleCV)

**Thank You Very Much!** 

#### **Elections**



 Thank you to the following people who have generously agreed to stand as nominees to various board positions as indicated:

Position	Nominee
President	Mike Keohane
Vice President	
Secretary	Grant Watson
Treasurer	Ian Kalina
Director at Large	Chris Bowman
	Spencer Capallo
	Brian Schoneberg
	Gregg Strong
	Lawrence Vea