

Comox Valley Cycling Coalition Monthly Meeting Thursday November 25, 2010

Present: Ed Schum (president)
Jan Gemmell (membership chair)
Chris Bowman
Brian Schoneberg (director)
Terry Dekker (recording secretary)
James Taylor

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. James moved, seconded by Brian that the minutes be accepted as amended. Motion passed.

Matters arising from previous minutes:

- Traffic: Brian and Ed will craft a letter addressing the issues experienced by riders on the 17th street bridge.
 - Chip Seal Surveys: The 26 returned surveys were largely negative in their content about the chip seal.
 - Cycling Rodeo at Rob Road School: Ed reported that this event went well and the committee is now working on the issue of safe cycling routes to schools. He has asked the Rob Road School PAC to hold a meeting to create a survey for the perceived hazards, which prevent children from cycling to school. The response to this request has been very slow in coming and he will follow up on his request.
 - Can Bike Course: Ed will initiate a course in January or February.
 - Motor Vehicle Act: James will review the MVA and assess problems that arise out of the act for cyclists. One issue, for example, pertains to cyclists being prohibited from passing on the right.
1. Review of OCP Hearing: 15 Cycling coalition members attended this public hearing. Ed believes that this bylaw amendment will be very advantageous for cyclists especially since 66% of greenhouse gas emissions originate from transportation. The bylaw is committed to reducing emission 20% from 2007 levels, which actually translates into a 40% reduction of current levels. Once the bylaw is approved, the coalition will need to keep abreast of the progress that is made.
 2. Traffic counts were completed in September for the 2nd year in a row. Although the last valley census indicated that 4.6% of trips were done by bicycle, our count indicates that 1.3 – 1.5% were in fact done by bicycle. It is an advantage for the city to have the figure to measure future progress by.
 3. The CVCCo AGM will be held on February 17, 2011. Ed will book a venue. Planning for the AGM will take place at the January meeting and will include organization of a draw, door prizes, a presentation. Jan will begin contacting

members for assistance in organizing and holding the AGM. Brian is to begin purchasing gift certificates from local cycle shops.

4. Technical Committee: Re the cycle ramp on the stairs leading to the 5th Street bridge underpass – this ramp is an angle iron approx 2 – 3” wide. It is slippery and does not accommodate panniers and pedals. Ed will send out an email to coalition members encouraging them to check out the ramp and forward feedback by email to the mayor of Courtenay at gphelps@Courtenay.ca.
5. Shoulder Cleaning: It was suggested that an email from the CPAC to MCom be sent requesting that road shoulders be cleaned off during the winter months. It was suggested that street be prioritized to make this more manageable. James will contact Wilf and the Technical Committee will discuss this issue. It was noted that road sweeping was improved this year but needs further improvement.
6. Special Events: Christmas parade – Terry is continuing to organize the parade with help from Peggy Kabush who is contacting members for participation. Terry will locate a bicycle trailer for the entry and work with James to decide how to affix antlers to helmets; Brian will download music and provide the sound system, name tags for the reindeer and a coalition banner.
7. Financial Report: submitted by Krista Kaptein
8. Other Business
 - Brian presented a site names “Group Spaces” which is designed to manage groups and allows for creation of calendars, memberships lists and renewal of memberships. Jan would prefer membership cheques to be mailed to her rather than having them left in the cycle shops. A discussion ensued re making membership easier for folks and the advantages of on line payment of membership. Ed will investigate how two other clubs in the valley manage their online membership and then report back to the coalition. We will assess this further and the issue was tabled for the January meeting.
 - BC Cycling Coalition will be holding their AGM on December 4, 2010 in Tsawassan. They are currently reviewing how they can become more helpful to cyclists who wish to establish coalitions in various centers in the province. Terry moved, seconded by Jan, that the CVCCo pay the ferry cost for Ed to attend the BCCCo AGM. Seconded by Jan. Motion passed.
9. Chris moved, seconded by Brian that the meeting be adjourned.