

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION
BOARD/GENERAL MEETING
MINUTES of MONDAY, SEPT 24TH, 2012

PRESENT:

Ed Schum, SueVince, Angela Dawson, Marg Harris, James Taylor, Julia Painchaud, Rick Clough, Sue Fabrizio

APPROVAL of MINUTES

Minutes from Aug 26th, 2012 approved on a motion by James Taylor, seconded by Sue Vince.

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

Julia reported that the amount of grant money remaining is \$12,849.48

The purchase of 25 safety vests for the education project will be expensed out of the grant money.

Chris Bowman to please submit an invoice for the 25 safety vests at cost

Rick Clough presented a donation of \$400.00 to the Coalition Education Committee, from the Comox Valley CCCTS. These funds must be used for cycling education of children and adults.

Chris Bowman to please draft a letter of clarification, to be sent to CCCTS Head Office, explaining exactly how the funds will be spent

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

To date there are 154 Coalition members. The total for 2011 was 175.

Most adults who have taken the cycling education courses have joined.

Anyone joining in Oct, Nov, or Dec of 2012 will be continued as members throughout 2013.

TECHNICAL REPORT

FITZGERALD: It was noted that a petition of over 100 names opposing changes/improvements to Fitzgerald had been submitted to Courtenay Town Council.

Marg and James will be doing a presentation to Courtenay City Council on Mon Oct 1st re: the New Horizons for Seniors Project and the broader benefits of making Fitzgerald bike friendly.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY :

James presented on the idea of “nodes”...i.e.members of the community centered around a school that would come together to be involved in creating a bike and pedestrian friendly design in their own neighborhood to suit their needs.

There will be a stakeholders meeting through Courtenay City Council to discuss the Transportation Study information in October – date is TBA.

NHS FEDERAL GRANT / EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Angela reported that so far, 87 adults have participated in bike courses, and 70 of those have indicated they would volunteer to help if called upon.

Since May of this year, 632 children have participated in the bike rodeos.

James reported that the Norco grant application process is complicated, requiring a lot of detail. They wish to know of other sponsors. October 1st is the target date for submission. Letters of support will also be gathered from the community.

Discussion took place as to whether the Coalition should step forward as a financial sponsor and commit funds to the education project.

Moved by James Taylor that one half of Coalition membership fees for 2013, and one half of the profit from the sale of visi-vests be committed to the education project.

Seconded by Marg Harris. **Motion carried.**

THE BRIDGE

Ed Schum reported that the feasibility study is back from the Engineers. There is further work to be done on the design in order to bring costs down as much as possible. Opportunities to reduce costs through people who have offered their services for free, have not yet been quantified.

A presentation to Council will be done in 3 to 4 weeks.

REXPO

Angela reported that there was a small turnout of 18 participants

We will reassess our involvement for next year, as to whether it is worth the energy expended.

NEW BUSINESS

We will have an October “membership meeting” (everyone welcome)... featuring Jeff from Trail Bicycles, and Mike from Broken Spoke. Date TBA.

School Travel Plan Program – James did an overview of this very well organized program, which works through the schools via facilitators and community stakeholders. A large amount of resource material is available online at www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning-toolkit.

OTHER BUSINESS:

It was moved by Ed Schum that we call our meeting the: “Monthly Cycling Coalition Meeting”

Seconded by Julia Painchaud. **Motion carried**

NEXT MEETING: Monday Oct 22nd/ 2012

ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 pm

