

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION

Monthly Cycling Coalition Meeting

Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Comox Recreation Centre

Present:

Board Members: Marg Harris, James Taylor, Ed Schum, Sue Fabrizio, Chris Bowman, Julia Painchaud, Sue Vince, Angela Dawson (Recorder)    Regrets: Terry Dekker

Members: Lauren Sipone and Bill Boham

Meeting Called to Order 7.10pm

Approval of Agenda - approved

Acceptance of Minutes - approved

Changes to minutes – Right to Bike page 2 – to be corrected by James Taylor to bring to next meeting for approval

Discussion re action items coming out of the meeting – suggestion that at the end of the meeting people responsible will identify their item(s) to be done.

Reports

Financial Report – *Julia Painchaud (Treasurer)* – presented the financial report  
Julia identified some errors from June that have been corrected in this Financial Statement. She noted that PayPal will charge for amounts transferred under \$150. At present we have \$50 in the account – recommend to leave it there until \$150 reached.

Membership Report – *Sue Fabrizio (Membership Secretary)*

Sue reported that there are 150 members presently

Technical Committee Report – *James Taylor*

New Chief Engineer in Courtenay – Lesley Hatch – seems positive about biking and making roads more accessible – she will recommend to council that the first stage of Fitzgerald go ahead. This is the area 8<sup>th</sup> street to 17<sup>th</sup> street.

Appears we now have good start to communication with engineering dept. She has been meeting with Chief engineer in Comox which is also very positive.

CPAC Report- James /Sue Vince

Meeting held on 22 August. 18 people attended. Nancy Hofer rewrote the press release which seemed to get more people attending.

Feedback from citizens who were not cyclists including 3 residents from Fitzgerald who attended.

**Sue Vince suggests to start a blog to answer questions** – Vancouver Stats and smaller city stats being gathered and could be shared this way.

CPAC items need to be discussed prior to Task Force meeting and will be done following this meeting.

Cycling for Life – *Chris Bowman/Angela Dawson/Ed*

3 more rodeos planned for this year – Sept/Oct – The plan is to do them in the schools that haven't yet been reached: Courtenay El. Queneesh and Miracle Beach.

Plan is to do 6 or 7 rodeos each year to keep up to date with the elementary schools so that each receives a rodeo alternating years.

CanBike 1 course being offered at Courtenay Rec Wed Sept 11

Urban Cycling Skills course at Courtenay Rec Sept 14

Right to Bike for children in Comox Sept 25 grades 4 to 6 on Early Dismissal Day

Permanent markings for rodeo laid out at Airport School – Ed's dream to have permanent cycling education locations.

10 bicycles were purchased. 3 small ones are too small – trying to swap back and get larger bikes  
Top up Smile Card – Thrifty's Foods \$100 for the food and refreshments for volunteers at the Bike Rodeos.

More teachers are needed for the CanBike Courses -

"The Bridge" – update – *Ed Schum*

Chief Administration Officer from Golden has moved to Courtenay as our CAO.

David Allan. He is very positive and recognizes the benefits that the bridge in Golden contributed to the community.

Founders fund collected \$1,000 from business and private donors – \$20,000 was raised. This will pay for a Conceptual Plan – drawings – and give close estimate of bridge costs – this will help with promotion and further fund raising!

The plan is for it to be a Centennial project. Courtenay will celebrate 100 years in 2015. 15 Sept 2015 is the planned completion date.

Farm Cycle Tour- (Tyler Johns) – not available

Sue Vince still has the signs – Participants gave really positive feedback –  
Some people didn't know they could rent bikes here -

Bike Lock Ups – Sue Vince

Sue stated that these events went well.

Filberg: \$852 bikes parked - \$767.37 donations 2 vests \$40 Maps \$37.50

Armed Forces Day: 381 bikes parked - sold bike pins - \$128.40 \$36.00 maps Donations not permitted.

Bike racks borrowed from Parksville, Oceanside Cycling Coalition – have found out which fittings they used now plan to get same so we can interchange/share out bike racks.

Door prize from military presented opportunity to ask questions – Sue suggested that in future we can add questions that we could use as survey question –

Cycling routes – suggest to draft best bike routes to the location and make these available on line and then to be available ongoing.

Videos of these events were great. Thanks and congratulations were extended to Sue for a great job done.

Rotary Presentation- James will present on HASTE and on Bike Rodeos to the Sunrise Rotary Club. HASTE Hub for Active School Transportation - Comprehensive program to do what is necessary to get children to walk or bike to school – Coordinator is necessary to make it come together – and become part of the fabric of the school – Puntledge, Ecole Robb Rd and Cumberland are the target schools for this year.

Ed shared that Traffic counts show 1,890 cars are used mornings and afternoons to take children to school.

Right to Bike – Chris and Ed

Setting standards for training of youth for cycling education. This is starting slowly –  
Right to Bike level 2 – Ed is offering in Comox Sept 25.

Traffic Count

Wed Sept 18 or 20<sup>th</sup> – James is organizing. Volunteers needed.

Next Meeting: Sept 23 2013-08-26 Meeting adjourned 8.15pm