

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION

Monthly Cycling Coalition Meeting
Monday, June 24th, 2013
Comox Recreation Centre

Present: James Taylor, Ed Schum, Terry Dekker, Sue Fabrizio, Chris Bowman, Julia Painchaud, Sue Vince, Angela Dawson, Lauren Sipone

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda - The agenda was approved as written.

Acceptance of Minutes - The minutes were approved as written.

Financial Report – Julia Painchaud (Treasurer) presented the financial support. No new memberships have been received via Paypal since the last meeting. The financial report was accepted as presented. Ed will submit an invoice in the amount of \$ 540.00 to St John Ambulance for the CanBike II course that he taught.

Membership Report – Sue Fabrizio (Membership Secretary) reported that we now have 122 members.

- Sue would like to discuss the process of promoting Coalition membership with new bicycle purchases. It was believed that it is best to initiate such a program at the beginning of spring cycling.
- 3 new members joined as a result of the course held last Saturday and 9 from the last St John course. There will be 9 new members tomorrow and 1 tonight as Lauren has joined.
- It was suggested that we place to put information re cycling coalition on bicycles left in the bicycle lock ups
- Discussion re cost of producing information to be attached to bicycles at lock ups.
- Sue will contact Brian to acquire pamphlets Chris will meet with Marg to discuss how this should be done.

Technical Committee Report –

➤ Wilf Dreher (Tech Committee Chair) raised the issue re the amount of time that coalition members have spent on the changes that may be made to Fitzgerald Ave. It was decided that our goal now is to decide what action we should take in order to expedite Courtenay city council's vote on this project. Bill Anglin who holds the swing vote is not in favour of it the changes that we would like to have instituted. If this issue not acted upon time is running out for access for the provincial grant, which will provide \$40,000. The city will then be required to match this amount. James and Chris will speak to Derek Richmond, City of Courtenay engineer and request a meeting to discuss Fitzgerald and its current status on behalf of the Community Public Advisory Committee (CPAC).

- The next Task force meeting is September 5, 2013.

CPAC Report- (Marg not present), Chris & James (Co- Chairs) provided an update re their last meeting with the Community Public Task Force (CPAC).

- They are concerned that all meetings should be public but Ronna Rae has observed that they have difficulty getting people to attend. As a result, they have agreed to 4 publically advertised meeting in a public space and advertised a week in advance so the general public can attend. Nancy Hoffer volunteered to help set up and get a location. There was

not enough time for the committee to discuss direction we would like to go toward as a committee

- Haste program needs to be the top priority (was this discussed with the task force)
- Comox Council has no money to give but has submitted a grant (grant for what)\$5000 for Haste
- Haste people want to target 3 schools in our area so estimate t 30,000 22,000 of which is for coordinator's salary.
- Traffic count will be done in September.

Cycling for Life – Chris Bowman/Angela Dawson/Ed

- Ed has emailed the staff person in charge of the Courtenay Recreation Flyer and will meet on Thurs with her. We need to determine when and what we want to do over the summer and submit the information, especially the Urban Skills Course and the CanBike 1 course (during the week) and a Right to Bike Course for youth (on a weekend).
- Angela is already attempting to organize rodeos for September. Hopefully our current cadre of volunteers can handle 2 of them slated for Courtenay Elementary and Queenesh, as these are the only schools in the district that have not been done yet. It may be beneficial to leave Miracle Beach until the spring. Ed will meet to help her plan. We need more planning and discussion on how to market future courses.
- Chris would like to call a meeting of the Education committee James, Marg, Ed, Angela at 3 pm on July 3, 2013 at Chris' home.

“The Bridge”

- Ed Schum reported that he is part of a delegation that approached Courtenay city council a week ago asking the council to make a motion to allow city for staff to work on this project. Approval was previously granted but for some reason it had be redone. Councillor Ambler will make a motion for staff resources to be made available to work with the bridge committee. It is imperative that everything, which is done, has the official approval and support of the city. \$20,000 collected through the memberships of the founders club have provided the monies to continue the project. 100 timber framers from across the continent have committed to work on this project.
- Ed met with another of the rotary clubs who will support this.
- The new Courtenay city CEO David comes from Golden and speaks glowingly of the benefits of the wooden bridge that they built there and hopefully this positive input will help our bridge's creation.

Right to Bike –

- Chris and Ed reported that the Right to Bike group is currently gathering criteria for the creation of standards for cycling education (predominantly) for youth working with HASTE. No announcements have been made as yet. Curriculum trials are slated to begin in September.
- A seed grant of \$30,000 has been awarded to the town of Comox, \$5000 of which is earmarked for hiring a coordinator. This is to promote the necessary participation of the community for the HASTE program and must include School District 71 officials, teachers, PAKs, students, the Comox Valley Regional District and 3 municipalities, police, the Vancouver Health Authority, the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition, and the Cycling Task Force

Correspondence

1. We have had a request from Dawn Stevens, Comox Recreation Association, to participate in their Safe Cycling Program for children ages 5 – 11. They would like us to hold a bicycle skills course on their early dismissal days in September and October 2013 and April 2014. We would like to do it for a very small fee and Ed will meet with

her, get more information and bring it to the next meeting.

2. Comox Valley Trails Alliance - Sue Vince advised that this is an alliance of 2 women who have decided that something needs to be done to publicizing existing trail network.
3. James met with Lauren who has belonged to various cycling coalitions since the 1980s and will be joining our coalition.
4. Canada Day Parade- Ed believes this will be a good opportunity to raise awareness of the Haste program using a “Safe routes to school” theme. Ed is distributing posters to schools. We require assistance to promote participation in the parade among the membership, and require that participants arrive by 9 am.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 22nd, 2013

Meeting Adjourned