

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION
MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2014.

Present: Sue Vince, Angela Dawson, Marg Harris, Terry Dekker-Bourque, Julia Painschaud, Ed Schum

Call to Order

The agenda was approved as amended

Reports

- Financial Report – Julia presented the report. The balance is \$7170.23. The largest expense to the budget was the BCCC insurance which cost \$772.
- Membership – Sue Fabrizio reported that we currently have 123 members and that memberships are now dated for one year from date of purchase.
- CPAC/ITAC – We are still waiting for the decisions of each municipality in the Comox Valley as to whether they will support having a member involved.
 - Willemar and Piercy Roads will soon be under construction as an upgrade of infra structure. The coalition views this as an opportunity to add bicycle lanes. A letter has been drafted to Leslie Hatch to encourage an increase in bicycle initiatives to these two streets. This is in accordance with the Courtenay City Council's adoption of the concept of complete streets. Marg Moved, seconded by Angela, that we send a letter drafted by Angela to Leslie Hatch on behalf of the CVCCo
- Mapping Initiative – The University of Victoria has begun an initiative to have people map any bike crashes, near misses or threats that they have encountered. It is currently on line and there is a promotion to encourage folks to report incidents. This initiative is complimentary to our mapping goals and presents no cost to us other than the expense of printing small brochures to promote the initiative. Note that ICBC currently tracks reported accidents.
 - Sue Vince moved, seconded by Marg, that the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition (CVCCo) put our logo on the Victoriabikemaps.org promotional tool. Discussion held, motion passed.
- Local Award – Sue, on behalf of the CVCCo, has won a \$525 gift certificate for the local bicycle shops. A decision needs to be made as to how the money can be put to good use. Photo opportunities were discussed and need to be decided upon.

- Education – Angela reported on the October 1st Urban cycling skills course, which had 12 adults and was sponsored by Cross Canada Cycling Tours (CCCTS). CCCTS also sponsored a rodeo on October 21 at Cumberland Elementary School for 60 children from grades 3 & 4 and they will be sponsoring another one in the spring. All volunteers for the rodeo came from the CCCTS and from Leadership students of Cumberland Middle school. Angela has sent the invoice to CCCTS.
 - Ed arranged with Ian and Angela to meet with the school board to ask their opinion about creating a permanent site for the Traffic Education of Youth such as those created in Europe. Ian suggested that we apply to have a delegation, in January, make a presentation to the new school board. Ed plans to garner support from the local school board then approach the local MLA, as well as ICBC, and health authorities. It is his plan to have traffic education extended to all school children and have the Comox Valley designated as a pilot project.
 - Angela moved, seconded by Sue, that the CVCCo appear as a delegation to School District 71 to propose the Traffic Education for Youth pilot project in the Comox Valley. Discussion held. Motion passed.
 - We are in need of more certified instructors. Ed will speak to Gavin as to whether he would do the necessary qualifying to increase the numbers of instructors.
 - Chris attended the I Ride instructor program at Aspen school this past weekend. They were teaching bicycle-handling skills. Discussion held as to whether we should we meet with these folks and ensure that we are not duplicating their efforts and investigate whether there is someplace where we can join in our efforts.
 - Education committee need to plan a meeting.
- Tourism – Sue reported on the recent conference she attended. At the conference Sue concluded that we should support Vancouver Island-Sunshine Coast cycling as the initial cycling route. Willy van Kemanade is eager to organize such a tour.
- The BC cycling coalition has a website and is open to getting folks “stories” on it.
- Membership Meeting November 10 will be focussed on e bikes. Pedago, is presenting about the line of bicycles they currently sell and Craig Harris from Simon’s will be presenting about the e bike innovation that they are bringing in: the Copenhagen wheel (a Wheel with a battery). Marg has approached all the bicycle shops for input and is waiting to hear back. An article going to the paper today

Other Business

- Municipal elections - It was suggested that we resend the questions to the candidates. Marg will take care of this
- Christmas Social no decision.
- Bridge – Marg & Sue have been attending meetings re pedestrian/cycling bridge across the river.
- Complete streets Webinar, will take place on Wednesday at 1200 at the Courtenay City Hall.
- Ed bought 2 books to initiate a library for Coalition Members. Angela moved that the coalition purchase the book No Accident by Neil Arasn for the library. Seconded by Terry. Discussion Motion passed

Next Meeting November 24, 2014.

Meeting adjourned.