

Comox Valley Cycling Coalition Monthly Board Meeting - MINUTES

Virtual Meeting – via Zoom

Tuesday June 25, 2020 7:00pm

Attending Board Members: Lawrence Vea, Jude Loukras, Angela Holmes, Chris Bowman, Mike Keohane, Susan Lang, Jay Van Oostdam, Brian Schoneberg

Regrets: none

Guests: none

1. Call to Order

2. Welcome and Introductions

3. Additional Agenda Items

- Courtenay Official Community Plan
- Road sweeping

4. Approval of Minutes (May 28, 2020 monthly meeting)

Moved by Jay, second by Chris, all in favor.

5. Business:

1. Financial Report / Grants – Jude (report attached to minutes)

- Bank account changes for new signatories completed

2. Membership Report – Susan/Steve

- Only two bike shops have taken memberships (Comox Bike Co and Trail). **Susan will send an email reminder when appropriate.**
- Most membership sales are “event driven” which is limited due to COVID. We may need to brainstorm if we want to get additional members.

3. Social Media/Blog – Brian, Jude, Mike

- Updated website is live. **Brian will send an email to his list and put a note on Facebook.**
- **Angela will work on a press release wrt new website.**

4. Education Committee Report –

- Bike Rodeo Coordinator - Lawrence
 - Position still not filled.
- Bike Rodeos – Lawrence
 - Two schools booked right away. Most waiting for things to settle out wrt COVID.
 - We will review need for volunteers once we get going in fall. May have to run with less people than in past.

5. Infrastructure Advocacy

- Integrated Regional Transportation Select Committee (IRTSC)- *Angela*

- Two presentations (Comox and Cumberland). Have not heard back to see if they will sign on. Next step is to present to Courtenay, no date set.
- 6th St Bridge Consultation – Lawrence/Mike
 - Review 6th St Bridge project status and how/what/when CVCCo can provide comments. Lawrence has had confirmation from Chris Davidson that there will be a public consultation period and **he will also discuss timing for us to comment with City Councillors.**
- BC 2021 Budget Process – Transportation and Transit Standing Cttee
 - Letter submitted from CVCCo requesting increased funding for active transportation – including cycling infrastructure (attached at end). Thanks to Jude and Susan for compiling and editing.

Other Business

- Z-Maps updating & reprinting
 - Last paper Z Map project cost ~\$5000. Broken down roughly as \$1800 to design/build and \$3200 for printing. We cannot afford to do this without funding and utilizing existing mapping apps or online capabilities would provide easier updates and likely more users.
 - **Mike to inquire as to how Google updates and how we can help them include bike routes in CV.**
- Downtown Courtenay Business Improvement Assoc– *Lawrence*
 - Letter sent in regards to reopening and physical distancing in DT core. They have not requested any assistance wrt temporary bike/ped lanes downtown post COVID.
- Letter to Council re Connector Pathway Priority– Lawrence/Mike
 - **Mike to add list of supporting groups and pdf all support letters to Dropbox so we can submit as directed by council for timing.**
- Bike Shop Bouquets – Chris/Jude
 - Bouquet was in Record recently.
- Cyclist Counts – Lawrence
 - Comox will review performing automated cyclist counts on Lazo in next few weeks to update on prior counts.
 - May 14-25, 2015 traffic count on Lazo averaged 1,962 total per day with 768 bikes over 12 days (78 per day average or 4% of total count)
- Priority Routes in the Valley – Mike
 - Strava Metro – response from Strava indicates that CVCCo will not get access to Metro data. They are prioritizing government requests so **Mike will try to follow up with City of Courtenay and see if they are willing to request the data so we can work with it.** Could help with quantifying increase in cycling in CV.
- Condensary Road Concern – Susan
 - MoTI are not making significant changes to bike lanes in portion near the campground. We will do our best to get upgrading of Condensary to be a priority.

- Farm Cycle Tour – Lawrence/Chris
 - o Some early communication – some farms are asking if there will be a tour this year. We will wait and see if it goes and what they ask of us.
- Biannual Meetings with City of Courtenay – Lawrence
 - o Lawrence contacted Trevor Kushner (deputy CAO Courtenay) who offered to have spring/fall meetings with us and his staff to discuss projects/concerns, etc. Kyle Shaw is our public works contact who is providing good information.
- Guests Joining for Virtual “Zoom” Meetings – Lawrence
 - o **Brian will email members to offer them to be observers to our Zoom meetings.** They will have to email back to get the link and we will keep observers muted until a question period at end.
- Criminal Record Checks for Volunteers - Mike
 - o **Mike will investigate whether CVCCo is registered** to facilitate free criminal record checks for societies. He get a personal record check done to see how challenging or easy the process may be.
- Need for Additional Board Members – Lawrence
 - o Jude has possible interest from Rhonda Ryan. Rhonda will want to observe before committing, could not join us tonight.
- July Meeting – Lawrence
 - o Meeting set up for July 23 via Zoom.

6. Additional Agenda items added

- City of Courtenay OCP
 - o Lawrence and Mike will be reps for OCP with Jay as back up.
- Street Sweeping
 - o Various jurisdictions are on differing schedules. As with road hazards, we can send specific requests for sweeping or repairs – send them along to Lawrence as he has contacts. Or use the “report a hazard” form on the website. Including pictures certainly helps.

7. Upcoming Events

- o Sept 29 Courtenay Elem Bike Rodeo
- o Oct 6 Queneesh Bike Rodeo

8. Round Table

- o Nothing additional

9. Adjournment – approx. 8:30pm

- o Moved by Mike, seconded by Lawrence – all in favor

Next Meeting: July 23, 2020 via Zoom, 7PM
Regular CVCCo meetings 2020: August 27, September 24, October 22, November 26

Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

On behalf of the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition and our members, I am submitting this letter to the Committee to bring to your attention our position on the need for a dramatic increase in provincial funding for active transportation including cycling infrastructure and safety.

The economic recovery from the pandemic provides an opportunity to support a low carbon future by building safe and linked cycle lanes throughout our community. A substantial increase to cycling infrastructure funding at the level laid out by Colin Stein of the BCCC (\$40 per capita) is needed to provide safe and connected cycling infrastructure in the Comox Valley.

We are observing and measuring the increase in cyclists through cycle counts and surveys. The new cycling infrastructure funded by Clean BC in the Comox Valley has provided the space for safe cycling in small areas and on a few routes. We can build on this success in the future by connecting these routes and expanding our safe cycling network.

In a small survey inquiring about cycling frequency since the onset of the pandemic, we received 50 responses. 60% of respondents are cycling more and 40% are cycling less. Reasons given for cycling more included: a feeling of increased safety with less traffic on the roads and wanting to avoid use of public transit due to the pandemic. Feeling safe continues to be a significant factor in the number and frequency of cycle trips. Bike sales, especially e-bikes, are up and more people are cycling. The province, regional districts and municipalities need to be cognizant of their responsibility to provide a safe environment on the shared roads to prevent injury and death for all road users.

Active transportation infrastructure is — by far — the most cost-effective category of transportation facility to build, in terms of both capital and operating costs. For the same cost of 4-6 km of new city roads, or 8km of 2-lane road widening, over 150 km of sidewalks, and 250 km of separated cycle tracks could be constructed.

In summary, a substantial increase in funding for safe multi-modal, linked pathways is part of a recovery which addresses lowering carbon emissions as well as the health and safety of our community.

Lawrence Vea
President
Comox Valley Cycling Coalition

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Financial Report

Submitted by Jude Loukras
May 31 2020

	Current Month	Year to Date	Balance
Opening Balance			\$14,734.93
Income			
Membership	\$30.00	\$950.00	
Interest	\$0.20	\$0.55	
Bike Lockup			
Education Sales			
CCCTS donations			
Grants			
CVRD			
City of Courtenay			
School board			
Total Income	\$30.20	\$950.55	\$950.55
Expenses			
BCCC			
Membership/insurance/fees	\$1,003.40	\$1,003.40	
Office/Meeting/Website	\$40.04	\$268.62	
Bike lockups			
Bike			
Rodeos/Education/trailer	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Grants Expenses			
City of Courtenay,			
Promotion			
CVRD, Bike Racks/Signs	\$143.36	\$804.24	
School board, Rodeo			
Coordinator		\$2,500.00	
Paul Bally Fund			
Go by bike Fund			
Other expenses		\$118.08	
Total Expenses	\$1,286.80	\$4,794.34	\$4,794.34
Closing Balance			\$10,891.14

Pre assigned funds (remaining balance)

Paul Baily fund	\$534.83
SD #71 Rodeo Coordinator	\$1,500.00
Go by Bike	\$196.01
City of Courtenay Grant	\$1,683.61
CVRD Grant	\$395.76
CCCTS Grant	
Total Pre-assigned funds	\$4,310.21
Funds Available	\$6,580.93