



## COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION - MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 28, 2021 7:00-8:45 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting via "Zoom"

**Attending Board Members:** Lawrence Vea, Jude Loukras., Mike Keohane, Grant Watson, Susan Lang, Chris Bowman, Brian Schoneberg

**Regrets:** Jay Van Oostdam

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

**3. Additional Agenda Items.**

Rails to Trails

**4. Approval of Minutes September 23, 2021**

Moved by Grant, seconded Jude. Passed.

**5 Business:**

• **Financial Report / Grants- Jude**

- only one transaction this month.

- BCCC Community Cycling Grant – *Jude*

Jude will attend a zoom meeting tomorrow. Applications are due on Nov 22. We need to make a plan for our submission. Ideas put forward:

Mike: work with Alana Mullaly - CVRD ATNP Coordinator

Susan: update maps of routes into urban areas.

Jude: membership drive.

Mike: safe routes to school.

Chris: support rails to trails proposal.

Jude: hire an online marketing consultant.

- CCCTS Legacy Funding Grant – *Lawrence*

budget year is calendar year. Offered us \$650 for rodeos we did this fall. Can apply for more in new year.

• **Membership Report – Susan/ Brian**

Susan: we're up to 149 members.

Should we have late memberships apply to following year? Brian proposed a policy to make membership applications from now to end of year valid through 2022. Amendment by Grant to make policy to apply to all years moving forward for applications received after Oct 31. Passed.

- **Social Media/Blog/ Website – Brian**  
No news.
  
- **Education Committee Report**
  - School Cycling Program–*Lawrence presented for Lauren*  
Despite miserable weather for first two, they went well. Could have used more volunteers. Lauren has scheduled sessions for spring. Lauren is shopping for roll out rubber mats with white & yellow lines (written report attached)
  - Adult Ride Right Course – *Marg (written report attached)*  
Lawrence will check on payment from recent participants.
  - Adult Courses –Marketing – *Grant*  
There was brief discussion about marketing ideas for spring courses.
  
- **Infrastructure Advocacy**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> St Bridge rehab – *Mike*
  - East/West Courtenay connection, 801 Ryan Rd development –*Mike*  
The development rep was open to comments we made on their proposed path (4m width, connection around Superstore) however access to Superstore will not happen because of their loading dock. This will necessitate a more circuitous route through the adjacent field to connect with 19A.
  
  - Lazo Loop - *Mike*  
MOTI is working on a design to put a shoulder on south side of Knight road. Comox and we would like both sides. Comox is working on the section under their control.
  
  - MoTI signage (Condensory) – *Mike*  
MOTI is not showing interest in improving the signage. Safe passing legislation is being promoted by BCCC.
  
  - Seal Bay Parking improvements – *Lawrence*  
No bike lane is in the planning for current improvements. Part of the shoulder will be improved. There is concern that a single entrance/exit near the service access will cause confusion and congestion.
  
  - Courtenay Council Priorities – *Mike*  
The city’s priorities which impact cycling are:
    - Borrowing bi-law – for 6<sup>th</sup> st bridge
    - E-W multi-use connector at Ryan Rd
    - Cycling Network Plan upgrade
    - Parks & Recs masterplan

- **Other Business**

- Bylaws- revision- *Jay/Jude/Mike*  
Mike: lets wait until Jan to discuss. Jude suggests earlier time for her and Mike to meet. They will discuss off-line. Grant will participate.
- *Fall Go By Bike Weeks Sept. 27 – October 10 – Brian*  
Over 300 participants. Lead rider. Peter Donkers, rode over 800 km.
- Secretary for November will be Jude.

## **6. Additional Agenda items added**

Mike gave a summary of the situation at Island Corridor Foundation. They now have 16 months to secure funding for a rail service after which previous First Nations landowners on the right-of-way can petition the court to have their land returned.

## **7. Upcoming Events**

- December meeting? Mike offered to potentially host a party.

## **8. Round Table**

Chris: staying on Riverside Lane while house being renovated. Many cyclists use the Riverway but have to share with pedestrians & it's getting crowded, so they use Riverside Lane. It could be made an official bike route? It is useful if you are heading for the 17<sup>th</sup> St. bridge.

## **9. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** November 25, 2021, 7PM

## **10. Addenda**

### **10.1. School Cycling Program (SCP) Update – Lauren**

The first session of the new 2 day SCP went well. As a recap, the SCP consists of online Learn2Ride education, one day on field basic cycling skills and one day on asphalt road safety skills. We visited Brooklyn, Queneesh and Courtenay Ele. Feedback from both the teachers, school admin and kids was positive. We had wonderful volunteer involvement and turnout. Big thank you to our wonderful pool volunteers.

The SD71 trailer now has a fleet of 19 bikes ranging in size from 24" to 28", xxs, xs and small (7 of them are brand new Norco bikes), as well as new wooden features, new cones, ropes etc. After the first Fall session of the SCP, I advised the SD what was required (better bikes, equipment etc) and they provided. I am confident now that going forward between the SD71 fleet and the CVCCo fleet we have everything needed to provide a complete, quality school cycling program.

We are scheduled to bring the SCP to Aspen April 12/13 th , Airport April 19/20 th , Huband April 26/27 th and Deman/Hornby on May 2 nd . I will be recruiting for volunteers beginning in March, but please save-the-dates. I am hoping more CVCCo members will consider volunteering some of their time for the basic cycling skills day

(Tuesdays) and not just the bike rodeo day (Wednesdays). It would be very beneficial to have more CVCCo members knowledgeable and experienced as volunteers for both days of the SCP. Please email me anytime if you would like more info about volunteering with the SCP.

We are hoping to make some modifications to the SCP over the winter to provide an even more enriched, comprehensive program for the students. We are exploring modifications to the timing of the stations, as well as a change in the equipment and delivery method of the 4 way station. That being said if there are any members keen to be involved in a work-party sometime this winter to make new 4 way stop lines etc please email Lauren. I will be scheduling a meeting with rodeo station leads (Lawrence, Rick, Julie, Marg, Angela) to discuss modifications to the station timing.

#### **10.2. Adult Ride Right Report – Marg**

We have done road rides with 5 people to date in August and September and we have 5 people pending. All but one of these 10 are e-bike riders. One of these people has applied following the recent Elder College course and rides a recumbent trike. 9/10 identify as female. The feedback has been very positive e.g. “I got way more from this practical session than I was expecting”. 4 instructors have been involved in these 3 separate road rides working in pairs to offer a lead and a sweep.