

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, May 25, 2022 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via "Zoom"

AGENDA

Board Members: Chris Bowman, Lawrence Vea, Brian Schoneberg, Jude Loukras (absent), Mike Keohane, Grant Watson, Spencer Cappallo

Guests:

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Additional Agenda Items.
 - a. None
4. Approval of Prior Minutes - *moved and carried*
5. Business:
 - **Financial Report / Grants**
 - Jude sent financial report prior to meeting
 - Have not heard officially about \$2000 mapping grant.
 - Purchased conduit for bike racks ~\$300/10 bikes. (Brian)
 - Will hold off additional purchases, pending need and price fluctuations
 - **Membership Report**
 - Update on number of members (Brian)
 - o 97 members for 2022, 164 on email list; 3 members over the weekend
 - **Social Media/Blog/ Website**
 - Update on FB and website activity
 - Nothing to report.
 - **Education Committee Report**
 - Adult Courses –Timing, any resources needed?
 - 3 people took it
 - Currently pay to access course materials
 - Possible to add link to YouTube videos on resources page?
 - If moving back to in-person, may not make sense as it duplicates in-class presentation
 - Mike to touch base with Marg/Education Committee before Brian to put link on Resource page
 - School Cycling Program – Fall 2022 (Mike meeting with Serina and Lauren May 31). Goal is to have 3 schools in fall and four in spring. Will have to start spacing out larger schools that will take 3 days rather than 2.
 - Trial "Sign-up Genius" app for signing up volunteers
 - Split larger schools across Spring and Fall

- Bike/Equipment Inventory (missing bike returned)
 - Extra money or donation for larger bikes?
 - Lack of space in trailer, kids with own bikes, school division bikes
 - Letter of apology?
- **Infrastructure**
 - Cumberland – working on updating their transportation master plan with focus on active transport. Talked with Mayor Baird and she has asked staff to reach out to us when they are ready to proceed.
 - Urban Systems again
 - Trading emails regarding paving of Cumberland Rd (3 different sections: Courtenay/Regional/Cumberland), and trading emails about paving entire road width as a matter of policy. Has not been commented directly on by Gavin from Cumberland yet
 - Courtenay – grant application to Clean BC for 70% of 6th St Bridge. Cycling network update to start this summer. Waiting on repairs to paint the OIH from 5th St Bridge to Ryan Rd (some ramps added to sidewalks already)
 - Some patch paving past 5th street bridge this week, followed by markings
 - Cycling Network Plan Update - deadline before elections, working with Urban Systems, targeting July back to council.
 - East-West connector behind Superstore; involving co-operation with developments
 - Board to look at Courtenay cycling network plan (current) for any suggestions when meeting with Courtenay
 - Sidewalk along the RCMP to Back Road construction: shoulder removed and replaced by sidewalk in sketch. Requested clarification & update.
 - Knight Rd – status update?
 - Unofficial report that utility poles have been moved, estimated completion summer 2022; Motl will follow up pending construction schedule
 - Comox
 - Lazo Rd Upgrade
 - 30 km/h speed limit, other improvements
 - Open house
 - Drawings:
 - https://www.comox.ca/sites/default/files/2022-05/May%2025_2022%20Lazo%20Road%20Upgrade%20Project%20Open%20House.pdf
 - Just waiting on archeological permit/approval
 - Mike working on creating a spreadsheet list for all CV projects. Will be a large job but something that is certainly worthwhile. Hopefully we can put a list on our website – we do get inquiries about certain areas quite often.
- **Other Business**
 - Cycling Map Discussion – we have a \$2000 grant, where do we want to go with this? Meeting with Lester via Zoom (Chris)
 - Establish cost of digital vs print. Digital without sponsorship as 1st stage, followed lottery by a 2nd stage physical printing funded via sponsors?
 - Chris & Grant to sync about map prior to meeting with Lester.
 - Serious Incident Report highway 19A– issue of dangerous shoulders vs no shoulders

(contacts with Cumberland and MoTI)

- o Are there any superior processes that can be adopted for maintaining/updating existing roads?
 - Mike to contact BCCC to see if they have any
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- Secretary for June meeting?
 - Grant
- Next meeting?
 - Monday 27 June, to be confirmed via email.

6. Additional Agenda items added - none

7. Upcoming Events

- Healthy Comox – Sunday May 29 (need volunteers to man our table 12-3:30).
 - o Brian first stint
 - o Mike & Joyce second stint and tear-down
- Canada Day – set up a tent at Lewis? Need to confirm we have volunteer support...
 - o Grant: tentative yes
 - o Reach out to Education Committee
 - o Check hours, as it is a multi-day event.
- Courtenay Market Day – July 16
- Filberg Festival Jul 29-31
- Steve Allen to borrow bike racks for MusicFest

8. Round Table

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: June 23, 2022?

Regular CVCCo Meetings 2022: June 30, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24,

Bike Racks – Dates to Remember

Healthy Comox Event

Sunday, May 29th, 1:00pm to 3:30pm (Setup time: 12pm to 1pm)
Filberg Heritage Lodge & Park, Comox (in front of the Rotary Stage)
They would like a bike rack or two

Musicfest - Bike Racks

Jul 8, 2022 at 12:00 AM - Jul 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM
Steve Allen will pick up equipment Wed before and return on Monday. Donations split between CVCCo and MusicFest. Will check with Steve if he needs any volunteer help.

Heart of Downtown (market)

Jul 16, 2022 Brian will handle, but nice if someone can stop by for him to take a break.

Filberg Festival

Jul 29, 2022 at 12:00 AM - Aug 1, 2022 at 12:00 AM
Will require approx 20 volunteers. I will be sending out emails end May. Slots fill quickly, so put your name in soonest.
We usually get “Volunteer” passes for all those that participate.

Infrastructure Projects

I. Courtenay

- a. McPhee Meadows Park – in planning stages for 2022, comments submitted
- b. E-W Courtenay Connection (Tunner Rd) – waiting on budget approval Apr 30 to fund option review. Requires Ducks Unlimited land acquisition and crossing of Hwy 19A Bypass
- c. 801 Ryan Rd and Courtenay Hotel (498 OIH) – project developments under review, includes multi-use pathway part of E-W Connector
- d. Courtenay Cycle Network Plan (CNP) update, council discussing in April, to be done by Urban Systems over the summer. Process being developed, we will be contacted as a major stakeholder. Should we send a note to council?
- e. 5th St Bridge to Ryan Rd Bike Lanes – suggestions submitted and mostly accepted. Construction expected in June 2022.

II. Comox

- a. Lazo Bike Lanes and multi-use Pathway - permitting ongoing, delayed somewhat but hopeful for 2022 construction
- b. Comox Ave bike lanes and new roundabout
- c. Bike lane upgrades to Balmoral and Beaufort to coincide with sewer line upgrades (2023-24?)

III. Cumberland

- a. Working on Active Transportation Master Plan
- b. Bevan Multi-use pathway (along Bevan Rd towards Dam)
- c. Better access to Comox Lake
- d. Regional parks greenways – connection to Courtenay
- e. Royston-Cumberland Railway, connection to town

IV. CVRD/MoTI

- a. Prioritizing projects from ATNP
- b. Knight Road widening – underway, completion expected for June
- c. Seal Bay Bates Rd parking lot upgrade – done late 2021 - sightlines, crosswalk and/or speed limit issues?

V. Other Projects

- a. Condensory Road – KFN letter
- b. Island Rail Corridor – legal action from Snaw-naw-as at Nanoose may be appealed in March 2023. Could have large implications on ICF land grants in corridor?