

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, Sept 29, 2022 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting via "Zoom"

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Present: Lawrence Vea, Brian Schoneberg, Mike Keohane, Grant Watson, Spencer Cappallo
Regrets: Chris Bowman, Jude Loukras
Guests:
Minutes: Grant Watson

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Welcome and Introductions**
3. **Additional Agenda Items**
4. **Approval of Prior Minutes**
5. **Business:**
 - **Financial Report / Grants–** Jude
 - Report distributed prior to meeting
 - No questions
 - **Membership Report**
 - New memberships coming from bike courses.
 - 132 members/ 206 on mailing list
 - **Social Media/Blog/ Website**
 - No issues, some traffic on discussion pages
 - Lawrence asked if we will poll local candidates on cycling issues. Mike will draft questions.
 - **Education Committee Report**
 - Adult Courses
 - E-Bike Course Sat Oct 1
 - Working with Campbell River Rec – some interest in e-bike courses?
 - Rick and Julie Howell have "retired" from the Ed Ctte, will be greatly missed.
 - School Cycling Program – Fall 2022
 - Robb Road: Sept 20, 21, 22
 - Cumberland: Sept 27,28, 29
 - Puntledge: Oct 4,5,6
 - Bikes in good shape – big thanks to Garry Olenik for helping with servicing again.
 - Mike will visit bike shops to discuss them marketing the e-bike course for us.
 - French school is interested in the cycling program.
 - Gary Olinek has a program called Santa's workshop. He refurbishes used bikes to give to low income kids.
 - Comox Valley Brain Injury Society has helmets to give away.
 - **Infrastructure**
 - Cumberland – Spencer has had a couple of meetings at the city. Discussed Cumberland/Courtenay connection. They plan to link up to planned regional trails.
 - Courtenay – Cycling network update underway.

- Report from Urban Systems presented to council. They have deferred decisions until after the fall election. If current council remains intact then they will move forward with the plan, if not the new members will need to be brought up to speed. Mike suggests we wait as well before further engagement on this.
- Lerwick does not have a plan but they realize it is a major issue.
- Looking to commit a specific amount of funds per year to do bike lanes (city budget), in addition to what they can get for grants.
- Maintenance costs are being included in evaluations now.
- Need better connectivity in general to institutions and shopping centers
- Knight Rd – paving to start next week?
- Comox have delayed Lazo Rd project until 2023 (archeological permit delays pushed paving crews too late).
- CVRD are putting in an infrastructure grant application for Lazo Greenway MUP and have asked for a letter of support (Mike will send one).
- Mike provided comments to Comox and CVRD about traffic disruptions during sewer line work. We requested priority for cyclists and transit.
- Discussion of preferred style for bike lanes in urban streets (painted lane, protected lane off street, etc). No conclusion; to continue.
- Courtenay is having trouble with the route behind Superstore due to a potentially fish-bearing stream. Also, a housing development behind Superstore has a plan for a route through their property but it ends in the middle of the mall parking lot.
- Grant will get contact from Komoks FN who is available for presentations: Melissa Quocksister, email: quocksister.consulting@gmail.com
There is also a website on the treaty:
engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/komoks-treaty/

- **Other Business**

- Cycling Map Discussion – deferred
- Bike Racks were very popular at Music Fest, Filberg, and YANA – great comments from general public. Thanks to Brian for managing.
- Filberg donations total of \$841.50 with 1096 bikes parked over three days. Plus 7 memberships sold.

6. Additional Agenda items added

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7. Upcoming Events

8. Round Table

- Mike will be away for Nov meeting. He may host a party in December.

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Oct 27, 2022

Regular CVCCo Meetings 2022: October 27, November 24,

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?