

COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, September 28, 2023 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Chris Bowman, Lawrence Vea, Mike Keohane, Grant Watson, Spencer Cappallo, Gregg Strong
Regrets: Jenn Halldorson, Lisa Jackson, Brian Schoneberg
Guests:

1. Call to Order
3. Additional Agenda Items - 6th St bridge, municipal bike racks, TransCanada Trail meeting.
4. Approval of Prior Minutes - Aug 24, 2023 – Passed.

Business:

- **Financial Report / Grants**
 - Bank update. \$25,000 in account (approx. half is dedicated to future grant expenditures, half is free cash)
 - Moved \$5000 into a high interest savings acct
- **Membership Report** – no report
 - Mike to send an email to past members encouraging renewal, timing re 2023-24?
- **Social Media/Blog/ Website**
 - Activity is somewhat quiet at this time.
- **Education Committee Report**
 - Adult Courses
 - Successful on BCCC grant, have had 16 members take free adult course.
 - School Cycling Program – Spring 2023
 - Brooklyn (Sep 20-22), Airport (Sep 26-27) and Aspen (Oct 3-5)
 - Ecole aux Couer de l'Isle after Thanksgiving
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49a9ad2fa0f9cf8-cvcco2#/>
- **Events/Promotion**
 - NIC orientation day on Sept 7 went well (Mike/Marg). Gathered some info on where

students/staff were travelling from, good interest in biking but they all want improvements on Lerwick and Ryan Rds.

- Rexpo @ CFB Comox Sept 9 (Mike) – good interest in map
 - EV Day at Marina Park Sept 24 (10-3) – about 12 people for safety/E-Bike discussion
 - Petite Fondo – our bike racks were appreciated
 - BCCC Roundtable Sept 26 had presentations from MoTI and Urban Systems. Over 90% of VI residents live in a community with an AT plan. MOTI spoke about AT corridors. They got feedback from several coalitions that MOTI is stalling approval of projects that the province is funding. Urban Systems presented stats on AT plans around BC.
 - Cumberland Municipal Transportation Plan meeting Sep 26 – Spencer attended and felt they had really taken the time to understand Cumberland as a community, its quirks and priorities, and what would fly (or not) politically.
 - Mike is doing a presentation to Comox Rotary on Oct 19. They are keen on funding a cycle repair station in Comox.
 - GoByBike Oct 16-27 (NIC event Oct 26, 8-9)
 - Film Screening (The Engine Inside) working with Sherrie Sadler and Debbie Bowman to present a showing of this bike film and split net proceeds with UROC. We help get word out to sell tickets. Working on timing for a suitable date.
- **Mapping Project**
 - Project Update – We have consensus on the legend. Mike has given Lester a sample of a marked-up map (Comox) using powerpoint!! and has some feedback from members on the completeness. Grant suggested using the work he has already done in Courtenay as a starting point there. Its in OSM but not easily printed using existing rendering tools. We can use planned neighbourhood bikeways as our recommended quiet routes for now, since little concrete infrastructure exists. Another in-person meeting was suggested.
- **Infrastructure**
 - Lazo Rd work underway. We hope to organize a celebratory ride of Lazo when complete. Coordinate with Comox (Kerr/Minions). Lawrence was told it will be complete in a month.
 - Courtenay – Neighbourhood Bikeway and Lanes on 1st/Puntledge School/Pidcock/Piercy
 - Dingwall stairs installation has begun. Positive feedback on the 40 km limit.
 - Comox/CVRD sewer line project kicking off spring 2024. Section along Lazo to sewer

plant now being ditched (was to be bored). Plan to ditch along southbound lane of Lazo Rd to Brent Rd. This will affect some of the shoulder on Lazo between Guthrie and Simba.

- Lazo Greenway is being worked on separately for most part and should not be affected (waiting on MoTI permit at Guthrie?)
- CVRD has sent Royston Rd AT crossing of 19A for design, will be looking at options for Cumberland-Courtenay AT link
- Courtenay: 5th St bike lane extension, request for letter of support for AT Grant. The current plan looks the same as 17th which is not liked or used. Mike surveyed board and ed ctte members for feedback. General mood is that the planners have ignored our advice and we should re-iterate it—not support the plan as it stands.

- **Other Business**

- none

6. Additional Agenda items added

- Spencer: where is 6th St bridge at? Mike will check. A federal grant is involved.
- Spencer: there was a proposal to put bike racks beside fire hydrants. Mike: some have been put in.
- Transcanada Trail meeting was held recently. It was a good chance to meet the players (and hear politicians pat themselves on the back). We could provide some input in our area.

7. Upcoming Meetings

- Fourth Thursday of month – Oct 26, Nov 23

8. Round Table

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday Oct 26, 7pm