

## COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION - MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, October 26, 2023 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

### MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order
3. Additional Agenda Items
  - None
4. Approval of Prior Minutes - Sept 28, 2023. Passed.

#### Business:

- **Financial Report / Grants**
  - \$22,673 bank balance, including \$5000 in savings acct
  - Financial reports circulated
- **Membership Report – Brian**
  - Current members: 116, 275 on mailing list.
  - Trail Bikes has a new business membership.
  - Program to get a combo membership with BCCC for an extra \$10 may get extended to 2024.
- **Social Media/Blog/ Website**
  - No changes on website except fixing a link on main page.
  - A small amount of activity on FB.
  - Mike will add a check box on membership signup form for businesses (\$25 fee).
  - We had a discussion on maintaining the resources page to include more local cycling-related orgs/activities.
- **Education Committee Report**
  - Adult Courses
    - Have a course scheduled early Nov for 7-8 e-bikers.
    - About 20 have taken advantage of the free courses.

- School Cycling Program – Spring 2023
  - Finished up with 3 schools, scheduling 4 for spring
  - HUGE thank you to volunteers! We need more to step up.
  - Meeting with Lauren in Nov to discuss overall strategy
  - Trailer to go to Mainroad again for winter, if possible
  - Opportunity to build a data gathering program for schools to help understand AT numbers and needs. Gregg is developing ideas and will be meeting with Lauren and Angela on this.
  - May sign up Ecole Au Coeur de L'île with support from parents.
- Mike: E-bike rules have changed: unregulated motors (no speed limit) need a license and insurance. Speed limit is 70.
- **Events/Promotion**
  - NIC GoByBike week event Oct 26. Mike attended.
  - SD71 DPAC speaker event Nov 9 at ~7pm (Ben Vaillant) to promote the bike lights for kids program.
  - 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, likely March?
  - Volunteer Appreciation in December? Possibly rent a venue, invite all members, discuss our initiatives and celebrate volunteers. Lawrence expressed concern about knowing numbers for ordering food.
  - Book a spot for AGM in March? Wait on timing of film screening?
- **Mapping Project**
  - Team will renew efforts to mark up maps for handoff to Lester. A meeting to discuss Felt graphic markup tool was proposed.
- **Infrastructure**
  - Lazo Rd work underway. Lawrence: stakes are in place but no activity. Some old pavement has been dug up.
  - Courtenay – Neighbourhood Bikeway and Lanes on 1<sup>st</sup>/Puntledge School/Pidcock/Piercy

- Dingwall stairs installation has begun. May continue into spring.
- CVRD – applying for AT grant for Royston Rd MUP (consulted with us and made some key changes to accommodate cyclists)
- CVRD - will be looking at options for Cumberland-Courtenay AT connector. Have engaged Urban Systems and will start up in Nov.
- Meeting with Courtenay Public Works Mgmt on Oct 27 to discuss process around 5<sup>th</sup> St Bike Lane Extension. They plan to move forward with grant application using current design, declining to make any mods recommended by us. Mike is invited to a meeting on this project tomorrow which is also the last day to apply for the BCCC grant.
- Courtenay – upcoming in 2024 are Cumberland Rd bike lanes, Headquarters/Vanier as well as design work on 6<sup>th</sup> St from River to Fitzgerald.
- Lazo Greenway is postponed until 2024. MoTI has issues.
- Comox/CVRD sewer line project kicking off spring 2024. How to promote bike lanes?
- Courtenay-Royston rail ROW. We have proposed this as new MUP. Note that Daniel Arbour, area A director is also now co-chair of the Island Corridor Foundation.

- **Other Business**

**5. Additional Agenda items added**

- **None.**

**6. Upcoming Meetings**

- Alternate date for Nov meeting: Wed Nov 22
- No Dec meeting planned (Vol Appreciation?)
- Mike away Jan 14-Mar 7
- Proposing Jan 11 and Mar 14 for meetings with AGM after that.

**7. Round Table**

**8. Adjournment**

**9. Addenda**

- **Email motions**
  - On 7-Nov the following motion, proposed by Mike K. was **passed** via email: Moved that CVCC donate \$100 to the Light the Valley campaign to supply school children in the Comox Valley with bike lights.

**Next Meeting:** November 22, 7pm