

## COMOX VALLEY CYCLING COALITION - MONTHLY MEETING

Wednesday, November 22, 2023 7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting

### MINUTES – ver 2

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

**Regrets:** Lisa Jackson

**Guests:** none

1. Call to Order
2. Additional Agenda Items
3. Approval of Prior Minutes - Oct 26, 2023

#### **Business:**

- **Financial Report / Grants**

- We have a \$23,800 bank balance, including \$5000 in the savings acct.
- Approx. \$9000 is committed to grants and SD71.
- Financial reports have been circulated to board members.
- May have surplus in mapping fund after paying Lester and print costs.
- We should have about \$15k after obligations.

- **Membership Report – Brian**

- Current member count: 128 2023 members, 24 2024 members, 288 on mailing list.
- Mike will put together a call for 2024 memberships when he returns from a trip next week.

- **Social Media/Blog/ Website**

- FB and website: no news.
- Mike will talk to Mike Koski about us giving all our members BCCC membership.
- Chris suggests we promote the BCCC podcast to our members. (<https://bccycling.ca/podcast>)

- **Education Committee Report**

- Adult Courses
  - Final course ran Nov 4 for 5 e-bikers.
- School Cycling Program
  - Meeting with Lauren, SD71 liason, next week to discuss overall strategy. Primarily to talk about parent volunteers.
  - 4 schools signed up for spring 2024.
  - Trailer is at Mainroad yard; thanks to Chris B for winterizing.
  - Gregg is networking with stakeholders to build a data gathering program for schools to help understand AT numbers and needs.
- **Events/Promotion**
  - SD71 DPAC speaker event Nov 9 at ~7pm (Ben Vaillant – Light up the Valley campaign).
  - Film Screening (*The Engine Inside*): Mike is working with Sherrie Sadler and Debbie Bowman to present a showing of this bike film and split net proceeds with UROC. We will help get word out to sell tickets. Working on timing for a suitable date, likely March?
  - Mike and Joyce will host a Christmas Social for board and volunteers– Dec 14. Details coming.
  - Need to book a spot for the AGM in late March. Waiting on timing of film screening. Mike suggested a volunteer appreciation of some form.
  - Air Show returns to Comox Air Base. Will ask if they want bike valet service.
  - Gregg offered to present a slide show on cycling Newfoundland.
- **Mapping Project**
  - The team includes Mike, Grant, Spencer, Gregg and Chris.
  - Felt is working well as a simple collaboration tool to get graphics to Lester.
  - 4vi (tourism promotion group who will be running the tourist centre) is interested in copies of our map.
- **Infrastructure**
  - Lazo Rd paving is done, line painting next summer.

- Dingwall stairs are 85% done.
- CVRD - will be looking at options for Cumberland-Courtenay AT connector. Have engaged Urban Systems and will start up in new year. A site visit with representation from us is being planned. One option is an existing underpass near Maple Lake.
- 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. We want to be proactive with comments on what we would like to see.
- Headquarters/Vanier is tied in with proposed changes to the fairgrounds. Mike has a PDF of a plan for a crosswalk at the fairgrounds if anyone wants to see it.
- AT Engineer (Carrie) is leaving for AT job at MOTI.
- Courtenay engineering has hired a consultant for the bikeway near Superstore (Tunner MUP).
- 6<sup>th</sup> St bridge and bikeway will be reviewed in 2024 again.
- Lazo Greenway is postponed until 2024.
- Comox/CVRD sewer line project kicking off in spring 2024. Its now expected to take 24 months. There will be information sessions. Comox wants to know if we want to participate. This is a chance to encourage commuters to switch to bike to avoid detouring. Bi-directional bike traffic will be available on Comox Rd for the duration.
- Gregg and Lawrence have offered to host a table at the CVRD sewer line open houses on Jan 16 and 23. Mike will work on some material for them.
- Jenn is now working for KFN and will try to advance our requests for feedback from council. There are a lot of new people in the office and council and are finding their legs.

- **Other Business**

- none

#### **4. Additional Agenda items added**

- none

#### **5. Upcoming Meetings**

- No Dec meeting planned (social Dec 14)
- Mike away Jan 14-Mar 8
- Mike proposed Jan 11 and Mar 14 for meetings with AGM after that.

#### **6. Round Table**

## **7. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** January 11, 2024