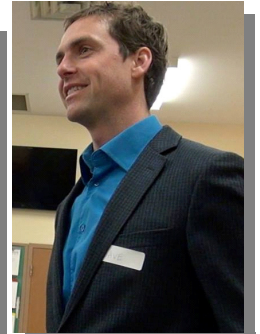




HIGHLIGHTS

From the Annual General Meeting

President Marg Harris took a moment to acknowledge the work and presence at the AGM of coalition founder Ed Schum. Ed, whose drive and vision resulted in the inaugural meeting held on January 29, 2009. It is an enduring vision shared by many as evidenced by the number of people who attended, many of whom had attended the inaugural meeting in 2009.



from L to R: Bill McKay, Rob Crisfield, Karin Albert, Barbara Price, David Frisch

Close to 100 people came out to hear the exciting program of speakers at the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition Annual General Meeting on Monday February 29th. Guest speaker, Bill McKay, chair of the Island Corridor Foundation and Mayor of Nanaimo, gave a dynamic presentation about the history and current status of the railway link between Courtenay and Victoria and the associated 'trail by rail'.

He linked this with a vision for increased use of alternative transportation in Nanaimo and displayed the city's z-map showing both cycling and transit routes on a pocket sized map.

Local speakers, representing all four Comox Valley jurisdictions, detailed plans and goals for improved cycling infrastructure and a cycling network providing connectivity throughout the valley. Barbara Price (Town of Comox councillor), outlined some of the improved cycling infrastructure that Comox has implemented in the last few years, David Frisch (City of Courtenay councillor), shared some of the transportation ideas he learned about at workshops and meetings in the capital city – which is the second coldest in the world. He displayed a few charts that showed cycling lanes in Ottawa were actually fairly well used, even in the height of winter. Rob Crisfield (operations manager for the Village of Cumberland), shared plans for the upcoming improvements Cumberland has planned, especially on the well used Cumberland Road and Karin Albert (CV Regional District parks planner), showed the importance of the links between cycling trails and urban bicycling routes. Presentations were illustrated with maps and pictures and described the positive responses to surveys they have received from the public.

For a more detailed report of the meeting see Debra Martin's report in the Comox Valley Echo at <http://www.comoxvalleyecho.com/community/371068851.html>



Sue Vince, Past director

CVCCo is happy to announce the launch of the Comox Valley Digital Cycling Maps, now available on the CVCCo website. Please note you must view (not preview), them with adobe reader.

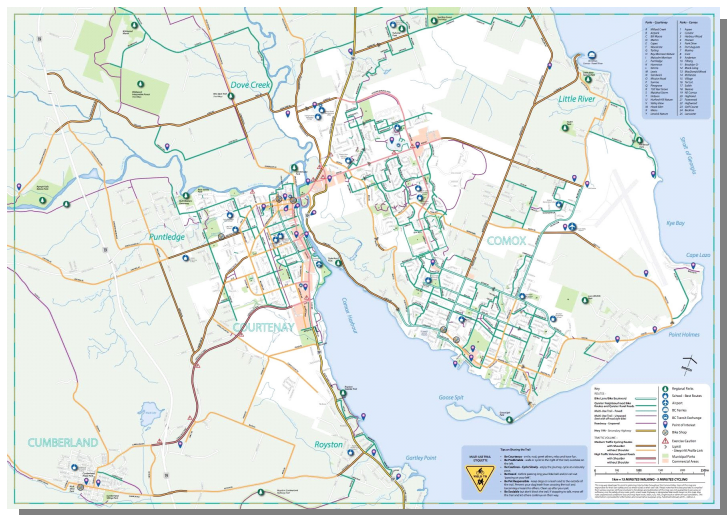
The maps were created through a collaborative effort; we thank all those that contributed including: the Cycling Task Force that provided the \$5,000.00 seed grant to make this project possible; the CVCCo that contributed \$2000.00 and at least 500 hours of volunteer work; as well as local cyclists and government staff.

Jones Mapping and Design created both of the Digital Maps and our next step is to create a z-card map that cyclists can carry with them.

The map is a work in progress and feedback and corrections will be added to each additional version.

A special thank you goes out to all the folks who contributed their time and talents to this initiative.

"Reviewing the map has inspired me to check out some places that I have not explored yet. I love the idea that I have new adventures in store after living in the Valley for 30 years!" Bill Boham





The new board of the Cycling Coalition for 2016—2017 was elected and will continue to focus on Advocacy, Education and Special Events including secure bicycle parking. It consists of:

President: Marg Harris
 Vice President: Chris Bowman
 Secretary: Lauren Sipone
 Treasurer: Julia Painchaud
 Membership: Steve Allen
 Director: Terry Bourque
 Director: Lawrence Veal
 Director: Ruby Berry
 Director: Brian Schoneberg

The following folks will remain as Consultants to the Board:

Ed Schum – founder of the CVCCo
 Sue Vince – retiring board member
 Wilf Dreher – past board member

Pictured from left to right are board members: Angela Dawson, Marg Harris, Brian Schoneberg, Steve Allen, Julia Painchaud, Lawrence Veal, Terry Bourque.

Absent are: Chris Bowman, Lauren Sipone, Ruby Berry



The Last Word

I am looking forward to working with this 'new' Board and last evening certainly reinforced the feeling that progress, if slow, is happening and there is a momentum growing steadily. What a great turnout last evening. How do we top that next year?? - Marg Harris