



Autumn Updates

Comox Valley Farm Cycle Tour 2016



The cycling map initiative, originally produced as a Digital Cycling Map, available on the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition website. The map will soon be in hard copy in a convenient Z card format and available later in October. It will be free of charge & remain a work in progress, meaning that feedback will be appreciated.

Maps will be available at the Comox Valley Visitor Centre, on Small Road, as well as at Simon's Cycles, Trail Bicycles, the Broken Spoke Bike Shop, Pedago Cycles and at Island Joy Rides.

This year's one-day event saw 260 registrants, of all skill levels and ages, cycling valley roadways and discovering the impressive array of progressive farms, producers and growers who proudly opened their businesses to showcase their



products. This turnout was a 30% increase over last year. At least 16 Cycling Coalition volunteers participated in the event, placing road signage, offering parking assistance and helping in the registration process.

Cycling Skills at Valley Schools

Comox Valley Cycling Coalition volunteers, once again enjoyed a successful bicycle rodeo, teaching road skills to students at Brooklyn Elementary School on September 29. This initiative is completely volunteer driven and is



being enthusiastically received by parents and teachers alike. One other session is planned for the fall.

Complete Streets Update

The City of Courtenay has committed to a *Complete Streets* project on a section of 5th Street. The Engineering Services, is in the process of presenting various options to Council at the October 3, 2016 meeting. Of special note to cyclists are the five design choices which have been attached to this newsletter. Although this project encompasses a small segment of 5th Street, the decisions made about this project will set the standard for future projects.

The Comox Valley Cycling Coalition board has reviewed all the options and strongly supports option **4** with the rain garden and parking which provides a buffer from vehicle traffic. This configuration provides the maximum security for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages. Additionally, it conforms to the city's long-term plan for encouraging alternate modes of transportation to lower green house gases.

Input from residents of Courtenay has a powerful impact on council decisions. Please take a moment to review the 5 options presented and forward your views to the Mayor and Councillors. Their emails are listed below:

The group email is:

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rlnnox@courtenay.ca, mtheos@courtenay.ca, bwells@courtenay.ca

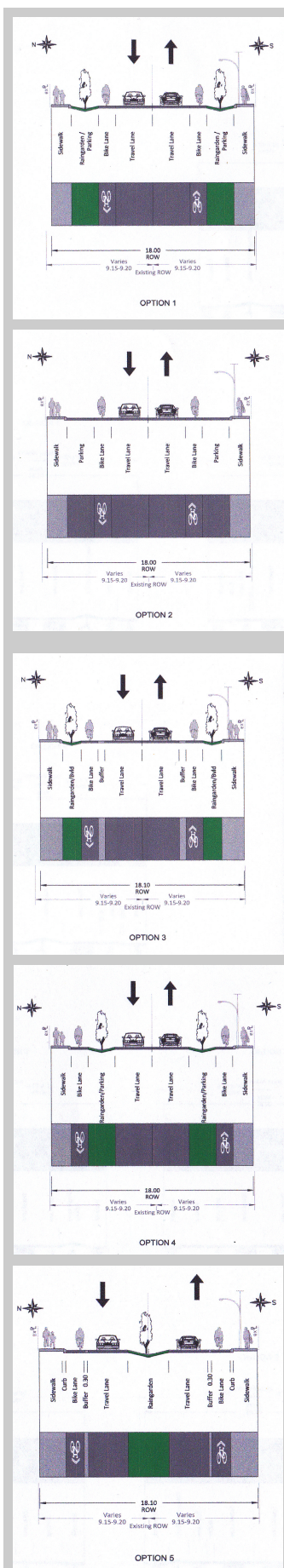
For clarity it is helpful to specifically reference the Briefing Note:

Briefing Note 8620-01; 16009

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and to make a specific point as to which option, you believe, to be the best choice.



Remember to look out for the arrival of the new Z Card cycling map at the Comox Visitor's Centre, Simon's Cycles, Trail Bicycle, The Broken Spoke, Pedago Bicycle and Island Joy Rides.