



Summer 2018

Our Bicycle Rack

Once again during the summer Coalition members were busy volunteering to set up, manage, and disassemble our bicycle racks.

The Coalition initially began running bicycle lockups for the 2012 Filberg Festival. Based on the success of this venture and on

the obvious need for bicycle parking at community events, we looked for stands. We experimented with rack designs and purchased our racks in October 2013. Each bike rack can hold approximately 50 bicycles and is composed of 2 end connectors, 4 mid connectors, 5 - 66" poles and 12 - 54" long legs. This design allows a bicycle to remain securely hung from its seat and easily accessed for retrieval.

Some events have been a one-time trial such as Armed Forces Day and Air show in August 2013, the Seafood festival and Ribfest 2016. Other events have become annual such as the Community Bike Swap, Yana Ride, Petite Fondo, Filberg Festival, and Cycle Farm Tour. Beginning in 2017 the racks have also been used for Music Fest's bicycle lock up. The racks serve several functions. They provide an opportunity for exposure of the Coalition to the wider community and a chance to share our goals and the work we do. This allows us to increase our membership. Additionally, although we ask only for a donation, the racks have generated income to help the coalition with operating expenses.

Volunteers Wanted

For Upcoming Autumn Bike Rodeos

We require additional volunteers for the Bike Rodeos on
Tuesday September 25,
Tuesday October 2, and
Thursday October 11.

If you are able to help with these rodeos, either for a full or half day, please contact Brenda Olinek at
250-890-2042



From the top: Yana Ride; Community Bike Swap; Snow to Surf Bicycle Exchange; Music fest Bike Lock up; Filberg Festival Bike Lock up

Report from the Education Committee

Adult Education

The Ride Right course was offered on Saturday June 9. First time instructors, Nancy and Dylan Gothard who ran the course for the first time assisted by Marg Harris and Angela Dawson, graduated 6 participants. The course evaluations were very positive.

Another course, has been booked for Saturday September 22, 2018.

North Island College is offering to sponsor students (international) to take a Ride Right course and Nancy and Dylan have offered to teach this on Sunday September 23

Children's Education:

Bike Rodeos are now booked for:

- Courtenay Elementary for 90 students on Tuesday September 25, 2018;
- Airport Elementary for 65 students on Tuesday October 2, 2018; and
- Huband Elementary for 90 students on Thursday October 11, 2018

These sessions are following iRide programs also held at these schools.

Upcoming Rodeos in Spring 2019 include:

- Aspen Park, Queneesh and Brooklyn schools

Adult Instructors Course

We would like to have more instructors prepared through the ðTrain the Trainerö course which is offered in Victoria. If anyone is interested please contact Angela Dawson through the CVCCo website.



It is Election Day on October 20, 2018

Why is this important? As Gordon Price, Vancouver urban planning expert and former Vancouver city councillor, noted: *"Nothing can affect day-to-day life more quickly and profoundly than a decision at the municipal level. Or a failure at the municipal level."*

Who controls the provision and spending on local services including police, firefighters, road upgrades, garbage services recreation centres and libraries? Our municipal and regional district elected officials.

Why does Courtenay have out door sidewalk eating areas, or a downtown improvement tax incentive to revitalize businesses or, staffers working with the province to create affordable housing? Because Courtenay City Council voted for it?

Why is Marina park in Comox home to new public meeting rooms, a beautiful large water park and picnic areas available to all residents of the town? Because Comox Town Council voted for it.

Why does Cumberland have painted and separated bicycle lanes leading downtown and out to cycling trails? Because Cumberland Village Council voted for it and sought out the funding.

Why is the Regional District experiencing the creation of well-maintained walking and cycling paths for all to enjoy? Because the Regional District voted for it.

In the Comox Valley October 20th is voting day. Your vote will make a difference. How? In smaller communities your vote carries proportionally more weight. In our municipal election you get to vote for the Mayor and the entire Council for municipal concerns as well as someone who will potentially sit on the regional council and represents you on bigger area issues such as water. In the Regional Districts you impact who will represent you on the wider regional district council with the municipalities. As a result, you wield power just by showing up. In the Comox Valley, the men and women running for councils live here, have friends and neighbours here, and have a vested interest in their communities and the impact of current planning on the future of their homes. They work hard for very little remuneration to ensure that we have all the necessities and amenities that we need to make our community thrive. To find out who is running in your area, as well as voting locations you can go to: <https://elections.bc.ca/political-participants/local-elections-campaign-financing/local-elections-candidates/>