



Change Happens

Exciting Times

from Lawrence Vea - President



As cycling becomes more popular each year it is most encouraging to see local, provincial and federal governments recognizing the significance of cycling and the need for appropriate infrastructure to ensure cycling is safe for all. A key concern, of course, is money. How taxes are utilized is determined by our politicians. The need for improved infrastructure in the Valley is evident to all who cycle. To enact change, politicians need to hear from their constituents. We need to ensure that the message they hear focuses on things such as safety, health and recreation opportunities, affordable transportation alternatives and decreasing traffic congestion.

If you wish to support improvements to cycling infrastructure in the Valley, do not hesitate to make your elected representatives aware of your support. As well, we will let you know when important decision points are coming up in a particular jurisdiction and encourage your advocacy with the appropriate elected officials.

The CVCCo appreciates your continued support of cycling and we look forward to the many community benefits that will ensue as new cycling initiatives are implemented in the Valley.

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Canada Day Fun

This year the Coalition sponsored the entry by the Comox Valley Safe Synchronized Bicycle Club in the Canada Day Parade. Entry participants included members from the Coalition, The Cross Canada Cycling Tour Society as well as some enthusiastic and talented members of the community. More pictures on page 4



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City of Courtenay

- Completing bike lanes along Fitzgerald Avenue from the Driftwood Mall to 5th St
- Connecting 19th St to the Riverway
- Adding bike lanes along Back Road from Ryan Rd to 6th St, up 6th to Hobson and along Hobson to join up with the Hawk Greenway
- Upgrades to the 5th St Bridge will include cantilever multi-use paths on both sides
- Courtenay City Council has directed staff to design an implementation plan that would see the build-out of a core bicycle network over the next 5 years
- The “Connecting Courtenay-Transportation Master Plan” has been completed and is available for public review and comment at courtenay.ca/connectingcourtenay

Town of Comox

- Upgrade of Noel Avenue from Pritchard to Torrence in September 2019
- Paved shoulders along Lazo Road from Guthrie to Wallace Road, in 2020.

BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

- Will be widening shoulders of Hwy 19A starting at Cook Creek and widening the north bound shoulder where possible with asphalt
- Plans in place to widen shoulders around the Comox Valley

BC's Active Transportation Strategy

- “Move Commute Connect” has just been released.
- The full report can be downloaded by [clicking this link](#)

Call to Action Sheet

Print it out, keep it on your fridge.

Any correspondence about an issue elicits notice from both elected officials and employees of government agencies.

Any time you have a concern or wish to support change you need to speak out.

A brief email is all you need to make your opinion heard. Keep this sheet handy for anytime you wish to voice an opinion. Remember to cc: CycleCV@gmail.com

We are entering a time of change.

Our governments are aware of the need for cycling infrastructure but they need our support to carry these out.

You will make a difference.

ad·vo·ca·cy

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The act or process of supporting a cause or course of action publicly

Synonyms: support for, backing of, push for, promotion of, championing of, arguing for

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Several members of the community join in support of the CVSSBC Parade Entry.





The CVSSBC members as they show off their precision manoeuvres as they move down 5th Street.

