

Comox Valley Cycling Task Force
Minutes of the Meeting – December 16, 2008, 3:00 – 4:45 p.m.
Village of Cumberland Council Chambers

Attending: Ronna-Rae Leonard, Marcia Turner, Jim Gillis, Edwin Grieve, Bruce Jolliffe,
Gwyn Sproule (late)

Staff: Judy Walker

Guests: Members of the local chapter of the BC Cycling Coalition

Minutes

The minutes were adopted.

Introductions

All members of the task force and staff introduced themselves, and the Chair provided an overview of the Task Force terms of reference and work to date.

Comox Valley Cycling Strategy Plan

Gerard LeBlanc of Landworks Consultants Inc. presented the original plan for the benefit of the new directors and the members of the local chapter of the BC Cycling Coalition.

Business Arising from Minutes

Sealant used on Comox Valley roads

General discussion of issue including financial implications for MoT. MoT needs a map of what roadways are used as bike routes and may consider a different quality of sealant for those routes.

Sweeping

Chair presented the financial issue and that at the UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) meeting in 2008 the resolution to provide more funding was endorsed.

Signs

General discussion of need for integrated signage for the various bike routes in the Comox Valley.

Technical Committee Report

Judy Walker provided an update of projects, including the “Rails with Trails” Feasibility Study to be conducted by HB Lanarc.

Walker presented the CV cycling map draft, with comments that the map is now available to each jurisdiction for staff to “ground truth” the routes, lanes and paths. Revisions will be made to the draft.

Bike to Work Week

Ronna-Rae presented a report on “Bike to Work Week” for 2008. Organizational meetings for the 2009 event begins in January, for an early June event.

Election of the Chair

Ronna-Rae Leonard was elected chair of the CV Cycling Task Force for 2009.

New Business

Ed Schum presented an overview of the recent meeting of the local chapter of the BC Cycling Coalition. A local chapter has been developed with the following mandate:

- planning, prioritization and implementation of cycling initiatives
- to be involved in signage, traffic laws, enforcement of traffic laws
- to be involved in education including student events, ads and tips weekly in newspapers, promotion, events such as bike rodeos
- provide evaluation: need to be able to quantify results

He asked how the group can pressure/support local government to take action.

Discussion followed regarding how to get information out to the non-cyclists, importance of the environment as a key cycling rationale, how can the Cycling Coalition liaise with the task force, ICBC and MoT roles

Public Comments

Wendy Prothero mentioned *Momentum* magazine and that in Portland, Oregon, 1% of the highways budget dedicated to cycling and pedestrian infrastructure.

Next Meeting

Next meeting of the Cycle Task Force is Tuesday, January 20th, 2009 at 3:00 pm at the Comox Valley Regional District board room.