

**Comox Valley Cycling Task Force  
Minutes of the meeting held on March 24, 2009  
Comox Community Centre**

**Present:** Councillor Ronna-Rae Leonard (Chair), Councillor Marcia Turner, Area B Director Jim Gillis, Area C Director Edwin Grieve, Area A Director Bruce Joliffe, Richard Kanigan (Tech Committee Rep), Terry Christie, (MoTH)

Agenda was approved.

Introductions were conducted in a roundtable fashion as there were several members of the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition in attendance.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the February 17, 2008 meeting were received and approved, as amended.

**Technical Committee Report**

Richard Kanigan provided an update on the activities of the Technical Committee. A draft report of the Rails with Trails study would be received shortly. The various jurisdictions provided an update on what cycling based initiatives and projects had been included in the financial plan for 2009. The cycling map that is associated with the Task Force report was ready to be presented to the Task Force at their next meeting. The technical committee is working with Active Comox Valley to develop a "six great places to cycle in the Comox Valley map".

**Bike to Work Week Report**

Bike to Work Week is scheduled for May 11-15, 2009. Celebration stations will once again be included each day, passports will be printed which will enable cyclists to get 'stamped' at the daily celebration stations, t-shirts have been ordered and the website is being developed.

**Review of Terms of Reference for Task Force**

The Task Force group reviewed the terms of reference that were initially established.

**Brainstorming Session**

Chair Leonard led the Task Force and representatives in a brainstorming session to answer such questions as Who is at the table? Who is the Public Interest? What are the primary issues of the cycling community? (Summary of points attached to the minutes)

### **Role of Comox Valley Cycling Coalition**

John Gatsby, a member of the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition made a presentation on the role of the potential role of the coalition and how it could assist the Task Force in achieving their mandate. A general discussion also occurred about how the Coalition could act as the 'eyes and ears on the ground' to identify priorities for cycling improvements in the Comox Valley. (The presentation is attached to the minutes.)

**Next meeting – April 21, 2009 Courtenay Council Chambers**

## WHO?

1. Children – Commuting across jurisdictions
2. Non-cyclists – car drivers
3. Commuting cyclist – Valley-wide
4. Cyclists or would-be cyclists who don't feel safe on road network
5. Tourists (Chamber of Commerce)
6. Principals, teachers, PAC's – Richard Murphy – SD71, Nichole Chanon – Francophone board
7. Taxpayers – CTRA
8. Land owners
9. Racers
10. Recreational
11. Seniors
12. Dangerous drivers
13. Competitive associations
14. Disabled
15. Pedestrians
16. RCMP