

DRAFT MINUTES - Delta HUB Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 2nd, 2017, 7:00pm

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Patrick (Chair), Heather King, Korine (FHA), Bill, Anton, Hilary, Sandra, Roel, Neil, John, Bridget (Ladner Rotary), Carlene

2. MINUTES: Minutes from Feb. 2nd meeting were approved.

3. GUEST SPEAKER: Delta Councillor Heather King

- Cllr. Heather King attended the first Delta HUB meeting when the committee was formed.
- She has been a cyclist for many years and, in 2016, participated in the BC Lung Association's 2-day, 200km Bicycle Trek for Life.
- As a Councillor, she was a part of Delta's earlier Active Transportation Committee (until it ended in 2010); she was also part of the Great Blue Heron Way steering group.
- Last year, when Delta HUB presented at the Ladner Business Association, she suggested that Delta HUB prepare a short-list of priorities for consideration by Mayor & Council at their December Capital Plan budget review; in response, the Committee prepared the 2016 Priority List, which Cllr. King brought forward at the session.
- Cllr. King reiterated how important it is to get such information before staff and decision-makers (the budget review sessions happen every year, typically in October). The Capital Plan guides Delta for next 5 years.
- Presently \$50,000 is devoted annually for cycling in Delta (including \$8,000 for signage).
- She explained that there is considerable education happening right now on Council with respect to cycling; she regularly hears colleagues ask about cycling aspects, both for new developments and roadwork (Delta's Neighbourhood Road Improvement Plan).
- As a possible next step, Cllr. King indicated that Delta HUB could request a Workshop with Mayor and Council:
 - o Workshops are informal sessions, held each Monday before Council meetings; they provide groups with an opportunity to introduce themselves, show how active they are, and explain what it is they wish Council to consider or be aware of.
 - o It could allow Delta HUB to zero-in on specific priorities, and explain how we have been working with Delta Engineering and various other partners to effect change.
 - o Groups can also request a formal delegation to appear before Delta Council at a regularly scheduled (televised) Council meeting.
- Elevating awareness of Delta HUB, along with specific priorities (i.e. River Road West), can help to justify future deliberations and investment decisions.
- Communication and timing are both key, and it is critical to make priorities known well-ahead of annual decisions (including the Capital Plan, grants, or BikeBC cost-sharing).
- The relationships that Delta HUB is building – and the areas of focus (safety, health, tourism, economic development) – are all helpful. Providing Council with evidence to support requests can also be meaningful, for instance:
 - o the multiplier effect to local business from investing in cycling
 - o the specific health benefits from active transportation
 - o intersection safety reports for signage/wayfinding recommendations

- One additional suggestion might be for Delta HUB to organize a bike ride-along with key decision-makers (such as Delta Engineering) to review areas of concern or opportunity.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to submit a request for a Workshop with Delta Mayor and Council. Korine to check with FHA about any available date on health/injuries relating to cycling.

4. NEW ITEMS: New topics for discussion by Delta HUB members.

Street Sweeping

- Delta HUB has been in contact with Delta's Operations team following recent snowfalls (and melting). Many road cyclists have commented on the amount of sand along the roads. Due to the amount of sand/salt deployed this year, the seasonal street sweeping may take ~6 weeks (vs. 4 weeks), beginning with the arterial roads.

Tourism Delta

- Suggestion that Tourism Delta might benefit from a cycling representative on the Board.
- **Action:** One member expressed an interest; any other members should contact Patrick.

Grant Opportunity – Canada 150

- A possible funding opportunity was identified for local cycling education or events (Canada 150). The grant is being offered through participating community foundations – including the Delta Community Foundation (DCF).
- The DCF website indicates that "...Grants requests received in the months of January, February, March, April and May will be reviewed for approval at the DCF Board Meeting scheduled in June." (<http://www.deltacommunityfoundation.org/services/apply-for-a-grant/>)
- Delta HUB has previously applied to the DCF (through HUB Cycling, a registered charity).
- Another idea could be a GoFundMe campaign for a specific cycling initiative. The Ladner Business Association has been working on ways to beautify Ladner Village, and has successfully raised funds for lighting via GoFundMe (<https://www.gofundme.com/LadnerVillage>).

Outreach from Trans Canada Trail ("The Great Trail" route to BC Ferries terminal)

- Trans Canada Trail (TCT) is collecting ideas for connecting their Great Trail system to the BC Ferries Tsawwassen terminal (it is already connected to the Horseshoe Bay terminal).
- TCT contacted Delta HUB to talk about potential routing for cyclists from the Boundary Bay Dyke Trail; outreach was also made to the Great Blue Heron Way working group.
- Based on previous discussions with different stakeholders along this route – including TFN, Tsawwassen Springs, Delta, and MoTI –
- Delta HUB provided feedback to TCT on a medium-term route, which would travel from the end of the Boundary Bay Dyke Trail (17A Ave in Tsawwassen) westward to the ferry causeway along the south side of Hwy 17.
- The routing would incorporate existing right-of-way connectors (i.e. from 17A to 18 Ave via the South Delta Rec Centre; the BC Hydro RoW behind Imperial Village) as well as to-be-constructed sections (i.e. Tsawwassen Springs; TFN's South Neighbourhood area).
- Improvements (and signage) would be needed to form a cohesive and identifiable trail; presently, the routing is narrow and informal in places.
- The GBHW working group is also looking at a routing alternative on the north side of the Hwy (using 28 Ave from the Boundary Bay Dyke Trail to connect to TFN's breakwater path via the soon-to-be expanded 27B Ave).
- More information about the TCT's Great Trail initiative can be found online: <https://thegreattrail.ca/stories/the-great-trail-a-national-icon/>

Outreach from Vancouver Bird Week organizers (Ride to Reifel Bird Sanctuary, May 6th)

- The organizers of Vancouver Bird Week contacted HUB looking for route guidance and 2 volunteers to assist with a ride from Ladner to Reifel on Saturday, May 6th.
- The group (~20 birders) will meet at Wellington Point Park at 10am.
- Anton and Neil have volunteered to participate (Roel will serve as an alternate).

Bicycle Camp/Safety check at Delta Gymnastics (Monday, March 13, 10-2pm);

- Tony Dales will host a bicycle camp at Delta Gymnastics during Spring break. The focus will be on bike safety and skills review (helmets; road sharing; being visible & aware).
- Sandra has volunteered to assist; Carlene is assisting with the event's organization.

Invitation to participate in MoTI "South of Fraser Transportation Priorities" engagement

- Delta HUB has been invited to participate as a stakeholder in 2 upcoming engagement sessions with the Ministry of Transportation on Friday, March 10th.
- Delta North MLA Scott Hamilton is hosting the sessions, which are focused on traffic congestion, population growth, highway safety, cycling connections and port traffic.
- **Action:** Patrick will attend the session and update members at next Delta HUB meeting.

Candidate outreach – BC Provincial election (May 9th)

- Suggestion to connect with Delta South/Delta North candidates about their positions.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to consider inviting candidates to future meeting or send questions.

Other items

- Trails BC Promotion (March 1st to Sept. 30th) to complete up to 25 out of 80 B.C. listed great trail trips, cycling and/or walking (<http://trailsbc.ca/tct25-program/program-instructions>)
- Junction design in the Netherlands: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpQMgbDJPok&feature=youtu.be>)
- New safety product (from the UK) – Bike light with turning signals: (<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/brightspark-ultimate-lighting-safety-for-cyclists-bicycle#/>)

5. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

Safety/Routes

Wayfinding/Signage Report (Anton)

- Anton relayed that we are still planning to showcase 3 locations (in Tsawwassen, Ladner and North Delta) where wayfinding would be most impactful. All ideas continue to be welcome – both for immediate “fixes” and longer-term signage (i.e. post-Massey Bridge).
- It was suggested that, in the near term, signage at the Town & Country Inn could be helpful for cyclists who are dropped off in the parking lot by the Mainroad shuttle.

Spot Improvements – Provincial priorities (TTC Meeting, March 7th)

- Delta HUB has been invited to attend the Technical Transportation Committee (TTC) meeting with Delta Engineering and MoTI on Tuesday, March 7. The focus of the meeting will be provincial priorities; Delta HUB will prepare a short PowerPoint presentation.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to update committee members on outcome of March 7 TTC meeting.

Local/Regional Infrastructure

UnGap the Map Update (HUB Workshop, Feb. 15th)

- Roel participated in HUB Cycling's UnGap the Map workshop on Feb. 15th in Vancouver.
- The goal of the workshop is to convene HUB staff and Local Committees to discuss progress and strategies for working with decision-makers to resolve cycling “gaps”.

GMTR George Massey Tunnel Replacement (GMTR Cycling Working Group)

- The GMTR Project Team is presently awaiting cost estimates from municipal stakeholders (Delta and Richmond). The next meeting date has not yet been set.
- **Next Steps:** Working Group members (GMTR, MoTI, Richmond, Delta, HUB) are aiming to collectively agree on the best route option, followed by a joint recommendation.

Education/Engagement

South Delta Bike Repair Options (Resource Document)

- The 1-page resource document has been updated, and will be shared with members and their networks (via email, Facebook, and on HUB's website).

PLAY Delta – Physical Literacy working group (Feb. 22nd meeting)

- Melanie attended and will provide an update at next Delta HUB meeting.

Outreach to Delta District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)

- No response yet from the DPAC about a future delegation.
- **Action:** Patrick will follow-up directly with DPAC Chair (Principal Keith Punshon)

Delta HUB Meeting with Delta MP Carla Qualtrough

- At the Open House in January, it was suggested that we arrange a meeting with MP Carla Qualtrough to introduce our committee's work, and identify areas of joint interest; tourism, sport, mobility and education for children are all areas that might align with MP Qualtrough's Cabinet portfolio (as Minister of Sport and Persons with Disability).
- **Action:** Patrick to contact MP Qualtrough's office about a future meeting date; Delta HUB to follow-up with HUB Cycling/other Local Committees to see if there have been any past cycling initiatives involving the federal government.

Proposed submission to North Delta Reporter

- To provide more exposure with North Delta cyclists, it was suggested that Delta HUB submit an article about our committee with the new North Delta Reporter newspaper.
- **Action:** Patrick to follow-up with North Delta Reporter about a story or interview.

6. OTHER ITEMS:

Delta HUB – Annual Committee Budget (\$500)

- Delta HUB has ~\$500 remaining in our annual committee budget. The budget is comprised of funds received annually from HUB Cycling, as well as honorariums from past community workshops.
- As the annual budget must be spent by April 1st, we are looking for ideas for community donation/support (in 2016, the committee purchased bike bells for agricultural workers).
- Suggestions include: flashing lights, reflectors for spokes, or reflector strips (bulk order).
- **Action:** Patrick to check with key contacts (MEC, Beyond Mars) & follow-up with options.

***Next Delta HUB meeting:**

When/Where: Thursday, April 6th, 2017 (7pm at Tsawwassen Library)
Guest Speaker: Metro Vancouver (Steve Billington)