

Draft Minutes - Delta HUB Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 2nd, 2016 – 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Tsawwassen Library (Meeting Room)

1. INTRODUCTIONS:

Patrick (Chair), Patrick, Roel, Liz, Karon, Sandra, Anton, Hilary

2. MINUTES: Review/approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes of May 5th meeting were approved (with one clarification).

3. UPDATE: Metro Vancouver Regional Parks & Trails

- Over the past two years, Delta HUB has received various questions from community members about Metro Vancouver trails. Most commonly, these have related to surface material, signage, as well as policies relating to cyclists and other users (i.e. pedestrians, horses) on internal trails at Deas Island and Boundary Bay.
- In response, Delta HUB contacted the Supervisor of Regional Parks with Metro Vancouver (Patrick Spillner) to discuss park policies and practices relating to cyclists.
- Mr. Spillner plans to attend a Delta HUB meeting in the fall to respond to questions; he will also provide an update on emerging plans to connect Metro Vancouver park trails.
- In the interim, a few clarifications and comments were provided, including:
 - **Re: cycling restrictions on internal park trails:** these exist primarily to allow a safe place for horses to travel. The practise stems from an inherent conflict that can exist between horses and bikes on such trails; there is also a view that cyclists have many options for travel within the region, while horses do not. Some Delta HUB members agree that having certain areas where one can walk (or ride a horse) without bicycle activity can be very helpful; others prefer that cyclists have full access to park trails.
 - **Re: signage:** Metro Vancouver has specific standards about the size and number of signs within parks and along trails. Their preference is to have fewer signs, and smaller ones, in order to allow the natural environment to dominate. That being said, there may be locations where wayfinding signs may be useful (i.e. to indicate the direction to Centennial Beach from the terminus of the Boundary Bay dyke trail at Beach Grove Road and 17A Avenue in Tsawwassen). It was also noted that, in many cases, the signage may be on municipal land and, therefore, require the coordination and support of both Delta and Metro Vancouver.
 - **Re: 2021 Vision:** Metro Vancouver is beginning to work on a “2021” trail vision, which will be described at a future Delta HUB meeting. Among other things, the vision aims to forge more direct connections between regional parks, including the Delta Nature Reserve (adjacent to Burns Bog), Deas Island, and Mud Bay/Boundary Bay/Centennial Beach. In conjunction with this vision, a new park facility may be explored for the Boundary Bay Airport area, providing an alternate access point for walkers/cyclists to the Boundary Bay dyke trail.
- In anticipation of a future presentation by Metro Vancouver, Delta HUB members are encouraged to send Patrick any additional questions or comments relating to MV trails.
- **Action:** Patrick will reconnect with Metro Vancouver in August to confirm and coordinate a future presentation by the regional parks supervisor.

4. DISCUSSION: Delta HUB Projects & Priorities for 2016/2017

- A brief discussion document was distributed, featuring sample projects by other HUB Local Committees. The goal is to identify cycling-related initiatives that individual Delta HUB members may wish to champion in 2016-2017. Specific ideas to explore include:

Bike collection, repair, and donation:

- It was suggested that next spring – ahead of Delta's annual spring clean-up in Ladner, Tsawwassen and North Delta – Delta HUB could request bike donations from the community. The bikes could be collected and repaired, and then donated or sold.
- This could take the form of the "Repair & Recycle" event that the New West HUB Committee initiated this year. Delta HUB could connect with HUB New West to learn tips and approaches. It was also suggested that Delta HUB may wish to collaborate with a group such as the Canadian Diabetes Foundation, which would have access to a large van/truck, as well as an aligned mandate. Local groups, such as the Rotary Clubs or the Boundary Bay Cycling Club, could also be potential partners.
- Including a repair component could be a good opportunity to connect with community members about local cycling (i.e. conditions, concerns, priorities).

Bike Farm tour:

- Delta HUB could organize a cycling tour of select local farms, connecting locals and visitors with the agricultural practises of Delta along the quieter farm roads and dike trails. Two members have expressed interest so far.
- This could be similar to the annual "Bike to Farms" tour that HUB Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows organizes (lead by Chair Jackie Chow). The Maple Ridge event involves a leisurely 15 km bike tour with stops at 3-4 farms; it is geared towards connecting locals with where their food comes from.

Wayfinding/Signage:

- The absence of adequate way-finding signage is a regular comment from Delta HUB members. Through discussions with Delta, MoTI and Metro Vancouver, we have been learning more about the standards, preferences, and coordination required for signage.
- Delta HUB could identify specific locations where way-finding signage would add to the legibility of trails or road networks.
- One example could be the end of the Boundary Bay dyke trail – at Beach Grove Road and 17A Ave. in Tsawwassen – where cyclists could benefit from a simple 'fingerboard'-type installation to indicate where to go to get to Centennial Beach, Tsawwassen Town Centre, or even the BC Ferries Terminal.
- Other suggestions include adding distances or description (i.e. "scenic route"), to provide additional information to users; this has been done elsewhere (including in Delta at Deas Island).

Other ideas:

- Delta HUB could purchase a Go-Pro video camera to record cycling conditions (which could be uploaded to YouTube for viewing/sharing). Other Local Committees have used their annual HUB budget (\$300) to acquire cameras for similar purposes.
- It was also suggested that Delta HUB could purchase a large custom banner to be used at future booths and/or outreach events, so that people better see & identify the group.

5. WORKING GROUP UPDATES:

Safety/Routes

Spot Improvement List

- A follow-up meeting will be requested with Delta Engineering in the early summer (July) to track and report-out on the changes that have occurred (or are in-process) on the Spot Improvement List. In anticipation of this Sandra will arrange a meeting of the Safety/Routes Subcommittee to review key items.
- It was suggested that Delta HUB separate the signage items from the Spot Improvement list, and create a new list. This could then form the basis for future discussions with the Delta, MoTI, and Metro Vancouver about signage priorities.
- **Action:** Sandra will arrange a meeting of the Safety/Routes Subcommittee; Delta Engineering will then be contacted for a tracking meeting.

Local/Regional Infrastructure

George Massey Tunnel Replacement (GMT) – Cycling Working Group

- The second meeting of the GMT Cycling Working Group took place on May 31st; representatives of the GMT, HUB Cycling, Delta, Richmond, and Translink attended.
- Both Richmond and Delta presented information about cycling routes that could leverage the travel corridor that will be in place following the construction of the new bridge; predicted 'gaps' were also noted.
- Areas of discussion included: Burns Drive/Ladner Trunk Road; River Road to Ladner Village; Highway 17A to Ladner Trunk Rd/56 St/BC Ferries; Vasey Rd. to 60th/62B; and the current gap between Hornby and Burns Drive.
- The next Cycling Working Group meeting is scheduled for July.
- **Action:** Delta HUB will circulate the meeting notes once they become available.

Great Blue Heron Way (GBHW) – Progress on Boardwalk

- The GBHW working group will soon arrange an update meeting with Chief Williams and the new Executive Council to discuss the GBHW initiative and next steps.
- The new boardwalk path is well under construction (adjacent to the TFN Administration Building along Tsawwassen Drive); once completed this summer, the boardwalk will link the community to the waterfront, and signal the beginning of the GBHW.

Highway 17 Widening Project

- No new updates from Delta, TFN or MoTI regarding the new transit stop along 52nd St (or the proposed green paint implementation across the Hwy 17 yield lane).
- A Delta HUB member noted that coloured caution paint (red) may have been used before by the Corporation of Delta in North Delta (location to be confirmed).

Education/Engagement

RECAP: HUB Learn2Ride course at Holly Elementary (May 2nd & May 9th)

- With funds from a gaming grant, a HUB Learn2Ride cycling instruction course was provided to grades 4-5 students at Holly Elementary in East Ladner. The in-class education component took place on May 2nd; the on-bike education on May 9th (involving safe riding, rules of the road, helmet use, bike maintenance, route finding).

- In addition to HUB, the Corporation of Delta (Hon Yee) and Delta Police (Constable Sean Doolan) attended on May 9th.
- Delta HUB has learned that an additional Learn2Ride course may be offered to a Delta school in the fall (through Translink/TravelSmart funding). Patrick will connect with Delta School District and others to identify a potential school in the North Delta area. It was suggested by Delta HUB members that Heath Elementary on 72nd may be a good candidate, given its location on a busy street and challenges with visibility and signage.
- **Action:** Delta HUB will connect with the School District and stakeholders in North Delta to identify a potential elementary school for the fall 2016 Learn2Ride course.

Cycling Rules Poster for Agricultural Workers

- After making some final edits, Delta HUB will arrange a meeting with Delta Community Police and ICBC to finalize the Spanish-language "Cycling Rules" poster.
- Sgt. David Schaefer (Vulnerable Sector) expressed support for the poster, and indicated that, once finalized, it may be displayed at the community police stations, recreation centres, libraries and other areas frequented by the agricultural workers.
- **Action:** Delta HUB to finalize language of poster. Patrick will follow-up with Karon from ICBC regarding partial funding for the pilot, and to arrange a brief follow-up meeting with Delta Community Police to finalize and move the poster pilot forward.

Delta HUB at Delta Chamber of Commerce Summer Visitor Booths

- Delta HUB will be participating in select Summer Visitor Booths alongside the Delta Chamber of Commerce. Specific dates for the Ladner Village Market (and possibly the Tour de Delta) will be identified and shared with members shortly.
- **Action:** Once identified, Patrick will communicate booth dates/locations with interested Delta HUB members.

Invitation from Fraser Health/Be The Change to Support Delta School District Program

- Delta HUB has been in contact with Fraser Health and the Delta School District to potentially support future sustainability curricula being developed by the non-profit Be The Change (BTC) Earth Alliance.
- BTC presently offers sustainability-themed programming to the Delta School District (and others), and may be interested in adding active transportation to the curriculum. The initiative is funded by the Ministry of Health "DASH" funding.

6. OTHER UPDATES

RECAP: HUB Bike-to-Work-Week Station in North Delta (Monday, May 30th, 4-6pm)

- Mainroad sponsored a Bike-to-Work Week station at the entrance to the Alex Fraser Bridge on Monday, May 30th. The station was a success, and recorded more cycling activity than anticipated (over 50 cyclists in the 2-hour window).
- Patrick attended on behalf of Delta HUB, and was joined by MLA Scott Hamilton (Delta North) as well as Sepia Sharma from Fraser Health. In addition to offering prizes, snacks and information, the station included professional bike maintenance.
- The event proved to be an excellent opportunity to speak with bike commuters about their journeys to work. Some were seasoned cyclists, traveling between Surrey, Richmond, Annacis Island, and Tilbury; others were occasional cyclists, experimenting with "one car" family living and new fitness programs.

Public Consultation: Winskill Master Plan (June 4; June 14th)

- The Corporation of Delta is undertaking the next stage of the Winskill Master Plan, focusing on Design & Implementation Review (*June 4th from 12:30-3pm at KinVillage; and June 14th at 5-8pm at South Delta Rec Centre).
- Delta HUB has participated in the earlier consultations, and supports the active travel both to and within the Winskill Park area.
- Information can be viewed online, and feedback provided, on Delta's website:
<http://www.delta.ca/your-government/delta's-projects/winskill-park-master-plan>

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Next Committee Meeting:

- When: Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at 7pm
- Where: TBA