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Features

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Sign up & you could win an eProdigy Whistler Electric Bicycle!

Register for Bike to Work Week - Over 50 Celebration Stations this Spring!

Bike to Work Week is just two weeks away! [Register today](#) and you'll still be entered in our [early bird registration contest](#).

Over 50 celebration stations will be set up across Metro Vancouver this spring - stop by for free snacks, free coffee and free bike repairs! Find a celebration station near you - [check out our interactive map](#).

Sign up, log your trips and be part of making Metro Vancouver a better place to live, work and play - [register for Bike to Work Week today](#).



ACTION ALERT

Tell Your Mayor You Want Metro Vancouver's Transportation & Funding Plan to Support Investments in Cycling

Right now, our Mayors are developing recommendations for a new regional transportation plan and how to fund it. Cycling must not be forgotten in the current discussions, so HUB local committee chairs and the Board of Directors have sent

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HUB MEMBER SERVICES

Questions about your Member account? [Let us know](#).

Has your membership expired? [Login to renew today!](#)

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to the following organizations who recently purchased or renewed their HUB Membership!

[Tangerine](#)

Formerly ING Direct Cafe

We may have changed our name,

their [letter of recommendations](#) to the Mayor's Council asking for significant increases in cycling investment.

We need the Mayors and MLAs to hear your voice too. Please consider writing an email or letter.

Refer to [information in this News item](#) to express your support for a connected cycling network, reduced congestion and costs, improved access to suburban transit, and increased equity; government contacts [are listed here](#) to make it easy for you to let your decision-maker know that cycling is an important and needed investment.

More investment in cycling will get more people riding bikes! It also helps:

- **Relieve congestion** on roads and on the busiest transit segments
- **Reduce costs** - 13 km of bike lanes can be built for every 1 km of car lanes
- **Improve access** to outlying transit stations
- **Provide equity** through development of a more affordable transportation option for Metro Vancouver's residents (*saving ~\$1,100/year over monthly transit pass, or ~\$10,100/year over owning and operating a car*)

Read HUB's full letter of recommendations with [statistics and references here](#).



HUB Cycling: 2014 Call for Directors

Do you love being on your bike? Do you believe bike-friendly cities are happier, healthier places? Are you experienced in community engagement, finance, fundraising, finance, operations management or strategic communications?

Make a difference - run for a position on the HUB Board of Directors!

We're looking for some new people with experience and expertise in a variety of areas; [visit our website](#) for more information, or [click here](#) to download an application.

Applications are due Friday May 23rd, with elections at the HUB Cycling AGM, Saturday June 21st.

Questions? [Email Jen Brough](#), HUB Cycling Elections officer.



Kits Kudos - City of Vancouver Staff, Council & Residents

On behalf of everyone who now enjoys walking, running and

but our core values have remained the same. Having won and presented the Bike Friendly Business Awards, we will continue to support bike initiatives in Vancouver.

Come by our downtown location at 466 Howe Street during Bike To Work Week...and bring your bike!

[Accent Inns](#)

Why should your bike have to stay in a dark, unfriendly storage locker or worse, outside, while you sleep in one of our comfortable rooms? That's why we've invented our Bike Love program. Your bike stays in your room, bike tools available and more. (We're also a HUB Member Benefits Provider!) [Click to learn more about Accent Inns Bike Love](#).

MEMBER BENEFITS UPDATE

Know a local bike-friendly business? [Let us know](#) - it could become a HUB Member Benefits provider!

Member Benefit promo codes are back on the website! To access, simply [sign in](#) using your Membership credentials.

IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE

After two cycling fatalities in the past two weeks, HUB wants to remind all road and path users, including those on bike, to be communicative, respectful and careful out there.

Remember to use your bell or your voice before passing anyone on foot or on bike, and ensure adequate passing distance.

SURREY/WHITE

biking safely in Kitsilano, we give a standing ovation to the City of Vancouver - council and staff alike - for their hard work on the Seaside Greenway completion and York Bikeway project.

This completes an essential link between the Burrard Bridge and Jericho, we want to encourage all residents and visitors to the region to visit this revitalized area.

Of note, check out the new intersection at the south end of the Burrard Bridge, providing folks on foot and bikes easier, safer crossings, separated lanes and walking routes to access York Avenue and Kits Beach. Nearby Henry Hudson Elementary School now also enjoys separated bike paths, buffered sidewalks, safe intersection treatments and traffic calming on York Avenue - a model for all schools! Finally, the separated bike paths buffering sidewalks from Trafalgar to Macdonald and the traffic calmed Point Grey Road west of MacDonal are a delight for everyone, including families, wanting an afternoon outing.

From the bridge to Point Grey Road and Jericho Beach, meander about the little parks, beach-side playgrounds, restaurants and cafes, and enjoy this revitalized area.

Finally, thank you to all Kitsilano residents for your patience and understanding over the past year as this work awaited approval, construction and completion. Enjoy!



Cycling Detour - Highway 1/Nelson Creek, West Vancouver

BC's Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure recently notified the public of a cycling closure on Highway 1 (Upper Levels) just east of Horseshoe Bay in West Vancouver to accommodate bridge deck rehabilitation work.

The detour, via Marine Drive, was established at the end of April, and will continue through until December, 2014. For more information and a map of the detour, [please click this link](#).

For more information, [please visit our News section](#).

Education & Events

Sign up for a Biking to Work Lunch Hour Primer, and Upcoming Cycling Education Workshops and Courses for all Ages & Abilities.

Bike to Work Week Lunch-hour Primer - only 3 spots left!

ROCK/NORTH DELTA COMMITTEE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you live in or bike in Surrey, White Rock or North Delta? Would you like to be help make biking better? Join our Local Committee!

We're looking for new members with various levels of experience and skills - we're currently looking for a co-Chair, and someone to take minutes.

If you're interested and would like to contribute in other areas or are curious and just want to attend one meeting for now, no problem - visit the [Surrey/White Rock/North Delta Committee web page](#) to find out about the dates, time and location of the monthly meetings, or [email the Chair](#) to find out more.

GLOBAL BIKE HACK JUNE 20-22

Cycle Hack is a global "hack-a-thon and design jam, bringing people together to come up with ideas that solve the barriers to cycling...and build them in under 48 hours. The Vancouver chapter is currently seeking volunteer organizers.

Check out their [Eventbrite](#) and the global [Cycle Hack website](#) for more details.

SUPPORT BETTER BIKING!

[Support our work to improve cycling conditions](#) by making a charitable donation to HUB.



Charitable tax receipt provided.



Want to take Bike to Work Week to the next level? Looking to support both new and experienced riders?

HUB Biking to Work Lunch-hour Primers are 1-hr workshops for up to 30 employees, covering important things you need to know about workplace commuting.

Only 3 spots remain during Bike to Work Week! Led by certified instructors, these fun and interactive workshops cover bike safety scenarios, taking bikes on transit, route planning, what to wear/carry, and much more.

In addition to bike maps and other goodies, all workshop attendee will receive:

- Free registration & \$30 in car-sharing credits from **Modo The Car Co-op**
- Free registration & 30 minutes free driving time from **car2go**
- 15% off parts & services from **VanCycle Mobile Bicycle Shop**
- 10% off parts & accessories from **Union Street Cycle**

[Visit our website](#) to find out more, [email us](#), or call the HUB office at 604-585-2002, and book today!



HUB Cycling Education - Workshops and Courses for All Ages & Abilities

It's getting close to summer, and that means our [Cycling Education](#) program is kicking into high gear.

Whether you need to learn how to ride on the road, how to communicate with other road users, or how to maintain your bicycle, we have courses and workshops for you.

STREETWISE CYCLING COURSES

StreetWise provides **beginner, intermediate & advanced** level cycling instruction from certified instructors, aligning with provincial standards. StreetWise consists of:

- **Learn to Ride** - two private, customized, 90-minute sessions. [Contact us](#) to find out more and schedule your one-on-one course, or [click here](#) to read more and register.
- **Ride the Road** - half-day workshops combining classroom and on-the-road training, for anyone who can already ride a bike, and would like to get comfortable on city streets. **Next workshops are June 7 & 21** - [click here](#) to read more and register.
- **Advance Your Ride** - full weekend courses for to

THIS MONTH'S BANNER PHOTO

Bike parking outside the HootSuite offices, pre-launch party for Bike to Work Week.

Want to see your photo of people on bikes in Metro Vancouver in the next HUB Bicycle Bulletin? Send yours to colin@bikehub.ca.

take their cycling skills to the next level, including cycling on all roads, in all conditions (or in a professional capacity). Next course is June 12-13.

[Click here](#) to read more and register.

BIKE MAINTENANCE & MECHANICS COURSES

Our "Demystify" series of bike maintenance and mechanics courses includes a **4-pack of Intermediate-level courses** designed to teach you about the function, maintenance, and basic repair of brakes, gears, hubs, drive trains, and wheels. Saturday & Sunday courses now available!

Our first course is Sunday, June 8th - buy the 4-pack and save! [Click here](#) to read more and register.

Meetings & Events

Join a HUB Local Committee

Help make cycling conditions better in your city, including bike lanes, bridge crossings, cycling policy and education. Join a local committee - public participation is always welcome!

[Find out more](#)

HUB Regional Advisory Committee

We meet the third Thursday of each month (6-7pm) to discuss cycling improvements across the region. You're welcome to attend!

[Find out more](#)

[See full HUB events calendar](#)

HUB Cycling Education

Streetwise Cycling Courses

2014 courses now posted for 'Ride the Road' and 'Advance Your Ride' group courses. Or ask us about a customized 'Learn to Ride' course.

[Read more & register](#)

Bike Maintenance & Mechanics

A series of 5 beginner & intermediate level courses on bike maintenance and mechanics, brakes, hubs and rotational systems, gears, wheels and emergency repairs.

[Read more & register](#)

Bike to School Courses & Programs

Want to see cycling programming at your child's school? Contact us at schools@bikehub.ca

HUB Member Benefits

Discounts on car sharing

Discounts at over 25 bike shops across Metro Vancouver

Discount on Momentum Magazine subscription

Subsidized bike racks for Organization Members

The joy of supporting cycling improvements!

[...and much more! Visit our Member Benefits page.](#)

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