



Cycling **TASK FORCE**

Community Update

The Cycling Task Force is made up of members of all local governments, working together to develop a comprehensive cycling strategy.

Our goal is to improve cycling access in the Comox Valley, both recreationally and for commuting, and to improve safe travel for all members of the public and safe access to regional bikeways.

The Task Force will focus on education, recreation, and transportation. Making cycling safe, enjoyable and efficient in the Comox Valley will lead to more people getting on their bikes - improving their health and creating a cleaner environment and community!

Check the local government websites for details on Comox Valley Task Force meetings:

www.courtenay.ca • www.comox.ca
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The Cycling Task Force is excited to announce the release of the “**Comox Valley Cycling Plan**”, prepared by Landworks Consultants. This report is based on plenty of input from local cyclists of all ages and abilities. The goal of the Plan is to help make cycling a safer and more enjoyable experience throughout the Valley.

A few recommendations :

- That all jurisdictions adopt policies to promote cycling as a mode of transportation. A Technical Committee comprised of staff will assist the Cycling Task Force with implementation of the Cycling Plan.
- That a Valley-wide communication strategy be created, focusing on promoting cycling at a variety of levels. This includes encouraging community groups to use and maintain trails, as well as educating cyclists on bicycle handling skills and safety.
- That planning begin on long-term major projects that will benefit the entire region, with a collaborative approach to funding.
- That the Technical Committee encourage the Ministry of Transportation to include cycling routes in Regional Transportation Plan, as well as to widen roads when doing repairs and upgrades.

Jurisdictions will work together to make cycling in the Comox Valley as safe and accessible as possible. To view the Comox Valley Cycling Plan, go to www.courtenay.ca and click on *Residents* then *Cycling Task Force*.



Mark your calendars and get your bike tuned up for the first-annual Comox Valley Bike to Work Week.

Fun activities and prizes will help get you out of the car and onto your bike. Try it for just one week and see how good you feel!

