

Comox Valley Cycling Task Force Terms of Reference

Type: The Comox Valley Cycling Task Force will be an advisory body to the local government jurisdictions represented.

Chairperson: The Chairperson of the Task Force is Ronna-Rae Leonard.

Responsible to: The Comox Valley Cycling Task Force is responsible to the local government jurisdictions that appointed representatives (Town of Comox, City of Courtenay, Village of Cumberland, Comox Strathcona Regional District, Electoral Areas 'A', 'B', and 'C').

Purpose:

To develop and support the implementation of a comprehensive strategy to improve cycle access within the Comox Valley, allowing all members of the community (from children to seniors) to travel safely by bicycle within each jurisdiction and to have safe access to regional cycling networks .

Authority: The Comox Valley Cycling Task Force makes recommendations to the various local government jurisdictions in the Comox Valley.

Timeframes, Reporting and Deadlines:

The Task Force will conclude its work by October 1, 2011

The Task Force will meet on a monthly basis and will provide quarterly reports to each of the local government jurisdictions represented.

The final report and recommendations will be submitted to each of the local government jurisdictions on or before October 1, 2011.

Composition:

Membership on the Task Force shall be limited to one (1) elected official from each of the following: Town of Comox, City of Courtenay, Village of Cumberland, and Electoral Area Directors from Areas 'A', 'B', and 'C'.

Staff support to the Task Force will be provided on an as required basis, depending on the nature of the expertise required, resources permitting.

Other resources from various agencies and areas of expertise will be encouraged to provide input into the development of the comprehensive plan as required.

Communication with the Task Force will usually occur through the Chair or a designate appointed by the Chair.

GOALS:

1. Cooperatively produce a comprehensive cycle strategy that will ultimately be presented to and adopted by the various local government jurisdictions.
2. To develop safe bikeways for both recreation and commuting routes.
3. To develop multi-use recreational trails.
4. To involve, inform and seek feedback from the community on cycling issues and to promote bicycle safety within the areas by increasing public awareness.
5. To advocate for the creation of safe bike crossing points to major barriers.
6. To link major destination points within the region with safe bikeways. Major destination points would include schools, retail centers, parks, and major business centers in each of the municipalities and electoral areas.
7. To seek and acquire funding for cycling projects.