

**Comox Valley Cycling Task Force
Minutes of Meeting, June 17, 2008
Council Chambers – City of Courtenay**

Present: Ronna-Rae Leonard, Suzanne Murray, Barbara Price, Barry Minaker, Nancy Henderson, Pauline Thompson, Wendy Prothero, Lindsay Cheung

Bike To Work Week

Presentation, summarized the launch, lead up, and highlights of bike to work week;

- 74 Teams
- 1,569 Cyclists
- 409 new cyclists – 26%

The Comox Valley had the 3rd largest number of participants in BC, behind Vancouver and Victoria.

Observations;

- not enough safe bike routes and no brochure to promote the safe ones
- homeless and working poor with inadequate helmets and maintenance
- Comox Hill and Lerwick have dangerous curbs
- inconsiderate drivers/high speeds

Westside Classic

Lindsay Cheung made a presentation about her participation in the Westside Classic on June 1, 2008. The event includes a community ride (36km) and bike race to raise money for the BC Cancer foundation. Lindsay Cheung raised \$815 for Cancer. 150 Cyclists participated who raised a total of \$136,000. The event costs were 100% funded by sponsorship.

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 20, 2008 Comox Valley Task Force meeting were approved

Business Arising:

A draft of a resolution to UBCM will be presented at the next Regional District Board meeting regarding budgeting sufficient funding to sweep roads for safer cycling.

Empire Days – numerous regional politicians went to Empire Days in Cumberland on bikes.

Meeting with First Nations – the Bike Task Force terms of reference (TOR) will be amended to include a position for First Nations. Staff will be providing a report to the committee in the fall which will include an updated TOR.

Technical Committee:

Staff informed the Task Force that the BEAT application was unsuccessful.

The committee requests that the Technical Committee continue to have regular meetings over the summer and continue to source and apply for funding.

Communications

The committee would like a recommended routes map produced. It is suggested that the map be drafted in an easily revisable format as the initial versions are expected to be revised frequently.

Referred to Technical Committee

Confirm that Comox Road is a designated bike lane in the Regional District and Town of Comox OCP in order to get the appropriate MoT funding for shoulder maintenance.

Referred to Technical Committee

Lewis Park to Headquarters Road

An email was received from a member of the public regarding potential for a two-way bike lane from Lewis Park to Headquarters Road.

Pedestrian traffic is also expected to increase in the Headquarters and Old Island Highway area once the Retirement Concepts development is completed.

Referred to Technical Committee

Car Free Day

Missed opportunity on June 15, 2008 to celebrate Car Free Day. The celebrations attracted thousands of people to closed streets in Vancouver.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next meeting – September 16, 2008 Comox Council Chambers 3:00 p.m.