

**Comox Valley Cycling Task Force
Minutes of Meeting- September 16, 2008
Council Chambers- Town of Comox**

Present: Ronna Rae Leonard, Suzanne Murray, Barbara Price, Barry Minaker, Marcia Turner, Ed Schum, Randy Wiwchar. Regrets: Gwyn Sproule

Delegation: Ed Schum gave a presentation on the BC Cycling Coalition and requested that the Comox Valley host a community meeting with the Coalition. Ed will inform the committee when the meeting is to be. The meeting is to be held at the Comox Recreation Centre.

Ed Schum also discussed his concerns with the poor quality of chip seal done by the Ministry of Transportation contractor on Headquarters road and other rural roads.

Ronna Rae Leonard will send a letter on behalf of the Task Force to the Ministry of Transportation expressing our concern over the quality of the chip seal and the importance this has to local cyclists.

Barbara Price will take this concern to the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting were approved.

Business Arising from Minutes: confirm that Comox Road is a designated bike lane in the Regional District and Town of Comox OCP in order to get the appropriate designation with the Ministry of Transportation . (Referred to technical committee)

Correspondence- A response regarding the Soaring Eagles initiative was received from the Province. (by email in April to city of Courtenay from provincial staff, and by letter to town of Comox in August from Minister of Transportation and Highways.)

Bike to Work Week- BC Bike to work week has asked whether the Comox Valley Bike to Work Week would be interested in partnering with the newly-formed Provincial organization. The local Bike to work committee will be meeting to discuss.

Technical committee report- no word has been received on the planning grants applied for by the City of Courtenay and the Town of Comox. A proposal was received from HB Lanarc to do a feasibility study for the E&N Corridor at a cost of 17,500. It was agreed that HB Lanarc do the feasibility study and that funds would come from the planning grant. If the planning grant is not received, then each jurisdiction would be requested for funds.

- A report was received regarding the extension of the Term for the Task Force. Each jurisdiction is to request approval for this report at their respective Council /Board meetings. The request is to extend the term of he task force until October, 2011.

Communications- a long term communications plan needs to be developed.

The "cycling page" in the Recreation Reporter was discussed

Public Comments- none

Next meeting- October 21 Regional District Board Room 3:00 pm