

**Comox Valley Cycling Task Force  
Minutes of the meeting held on February 9, 2010  
Comox Council Chambers 3 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillor Ronna-Rae Leonard (Chair), Councillor Marcia Turner, Area B Director Jim Gillis, Area A Director Bruce Joliffe, Councillor Gwyne Sproule, Richard Kanigan (Tech Committee Rep)

**Regrets:** Area C director Edwin Grieve

Agenda was approved.

Introductions were conducted in a roundtable fashion as there were several members of the Comox Valley Cycling Coalition, Cycling Public Advisory Committee (CPAC) and the public in attendance.

**Minutes:**

The minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting were received and approved.

**Technical Committee Report**

Richard Kanigan provided an update on the activities of the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee is scheduled to meet on February 18, 2010 so a recent status update was not available. It is anticipated that the Technical Committee will be receiving information on the Rails with Trails feasibility study, and a working version of the map that accompanies the Cycling Task Force Report.

**Bike to Work Week Report**

Bike to Work Week for 2010 will be May 31 to June 6. The local coordinating group has received a grant for the event, and they are considering using some of the funds to hire a paid coordinator. The provincial Bike to Work Week has hired a new Executive Director – Penny Noble.

**Cycling Public Advisory Committee Report**

Dave Livingstone provided a report to the Task Force members on their identified priorities for the various communities. The report also referenced some issues that CPAC is having with membership on the committee. The Task Force received the report from CPAC. The full report is attached to these minutes for reference.

Staff will contact the Comox Valley Regional District Communications Department to arrange for a press release announcing that CPAC is seeking additional volunteers to join the Committee.

**CPAC Terms of Reference**

The Task Force agreed to amend the Terms of Reference for CPAC to remove the requirement that three members would be from the Cycling Coalition and three members would be from the general public.

## **Review of Correspondence**

Councillor Rona-Rae Leonard referenced several pieces of correspondence submitted to the Cycling Task Force, namely an email from Chris Calver suggesting the need for additional members and additional guidance for CPAC, another email regarding some Tough Saskatchewanians who commute through the worst weather, and an email from Peggy Waterton who resides adjacent to the Sheraton Bike way and Lerwick Forest.

Peggy was in attendance at the meeting, explained that she is a member of the Friends of Lerwick Forest Group and they have concerns about people cutting down trees in the forest, apparently for mountain bike paths. In addition, they are concerned with the number and variety of users on the bike path, and the apparent excessive speed that some cyclists reach on this trail. She was asking if the Task Force can recommend any actions to be taken.

The Task Force referred the usage on the Sheraton Bike path to the Cycling Public Advisory Committee for comment, particularly on the issue of safety of users.

**Next meeting – March 9, 2010 Comox Valley Regional District 3 p.m.**