

Comox Valley Cycling Task Force Quarterly Report
December 18, 2007

The Comox Valley Cycling Task Force marks its first anniversary in December, 2007. It met in September and November, but cancelled the October meeting, in order for participants to attend two Public Open Houses to rollout a draft report prepared by Landworks Consultants and seek more public input. The draft report was presented to the Task Force in November and next steps will be considered at the December meeting.

Courtenay staffer, Anne Guillo, continues to update the Cycling Task Force webpage on Courtenay's website, with the other jurisdictions providing links to the Courtenay site. The website is visited regularly by the public and will be kept as up to date as possible.

Ms. Guillo has prepared the third promotional page in the Recreation Reporter, focusing on riding in inclement weather.

The cost involved in contracting for sweeping MoTH roads, including Dyke Road, is being explored.

Discussions have ventured beyond the Comox Valley regarding cycle-friendly ferry, rail, and bus transport.

In September, Ronna-Rae Leonard attended the strategic planning session for launching a province-wide Bike to Work program, spearheaded by Bike to Work Week Victoria. Transport Canada is funding BTWW Victoria to provide a joint Campbell River/Comox Valley workshop to train our communities in how to host their own events. The workshop is planned for Saturday, January 12th at Comox Rec Centre and volunteers are asked to register. We gratefully acknowledge Simon's Cycles as a sponsor – they are providing refreshments and posters to advertise the event.

The Task Force will continue to meet in the new year every third Tuesday, with rotating locations. The next quarterly report will cover December 2007 to February 2008 and will be delivered in March, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Comox Valley Cycling Task Force