

Comox Valley Cycling Task Force
Minutes of Meeting – July 17, 2007
Council Chambers – Town of Comox

Present: Barbara Price, Suzanne Murray, Ronna-Rae Leonard, Barry Minaker, Beth Rees, Randy Wiwchar, Judith Walker, Richard Kanigan
Public: Gail Sklar, resident of Courtenay

Minutes

The minutes of the June 21, 2007 Comox Valley Cycling Task Force meeting were approved.

Business Arising

- Barbara Price reported meeting with Highways Contractor EMCON. They advised their mandate is to clear the gravel off the roads once per year at the end of winter. There was discussion about the amount of gravel on roads is due to the high level of construction and development in the Valley. It was noted that ICBC will pay EMCON to sweep roads after an accident, and this is a chargeable management cost.
- Municipalities have the ability to require bonds of new construction and development to ensure roads are kept clear.
- EMCON will work with the local cycling club to sweep the roads before a major road race.
- Barbara Price and Suzanne Murray were going to arrange a meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Highways and EMCON to discuss if there are other methods to ensure cycling lanes are kept clear.

Funding Consultant

- All three municipalities and the three electoral areas reported approving their portion of funds to engage a consultant to put together the existing cycling information from each jurisdiction.
- Judith Walker will advise the consultant to proceed with the project and establish a meeting with staff as soon as possible.

Comment Sheets

- Comment sheets from previous public events will be passed on to the consultant so the information may be factored into the report.

Public Involvement

- Committee to continue to work on developing a listserv or other electronic means of keeping the public informed
- All Task Force participants will proceed with establishing links on their websites directing the public to the cycling task force information.
- The Regional District communications staff were to be approached to assist in the development of a press release announcing the selection of a consultant for the first phase of the work.

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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Date: August 21, 2007

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: City of Courtenay