

Comox Valley Cycling Task Force Quarterly Report
July 17, 2007

The Comox Valley Cycling Task Force has continued to meet monthly, with meetings rotating throughout the jurisdictions. This report covers March to May, 2007.

With the Terms of Reference agreed upon, the Task Force hosted a display at the Earth Day festivities at the Exhibition Grounds in April. The RD created a large display map of the Valley and people were invited to place numbered dots on the map and accompany it with comments. Over 50 comments were received and dozens of people signed on to be in the communication loop and/or participate in improving cycling in the Comox Valley.

A lot of ideas have been raised to promote cycling, including a bike rodeo, using ICBC's manual; however, the questions of funding and focus were raised. Subsequently, staff from all four jurisdictions worked together to establish a workable budget and proposal to hire a consultant to develop a strategy.

Anne Guillo prepared the first promotional page in the Recreation Reporter, introducing the Task Force and providing safety information.

The Dyke Road remains on our radar screen. Currently, survey information on the road is lacking, which makes planning quite difficult. Terry Christie, a new addition to the local Highways office, attended a meeting in April, and indicated that a mechanism is needed to ensure MOTH will respond to cycling issues when it plans works on their roads. When there is an official cycling status (approved by the appropriate local government and an official 'line on the map') MOTH will be triggered to respond.

The next quarterly report will cover June to August and will be delivered in September, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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