

**Comox Valley Cycling Task Force
Minutes of the meeting February 19, 2008
Comox Valley Regional District – Board Room**

Present: Ronna-Rae Leonard, Patti Fletcher, Suzanne Murray, Gwyn Sproule, Barbara Price Barry Minaker, Judy Walker, Ray Boogaards, Randy Wiwchar, Richard Kanigan, Beth Rees

Members of the public: Jim Lister, Wendy Prothero

Introductions

Minutes:

- The minutes of the January 15, 2008 meeting were received and approved.

Business Arising

Consultant Report:

- The CV Cycle Plan has been received and endorsed by all local government jurisdictions, and it was confirmed that the plan can now be posted on the website.
- It was confirmed that the City's website is operational with full details provided on the Comox Valley Cycling Task Force meetings, etc.

Balance of Consulting Plan Funds:

- It was noted that there are mapping costs, which need to be paid out to the regional district.
- It was agreed that remaining funds would continue to be held in trust to be utilized to complete additional mapping requirements associated with the plan.

Technical Committee:

- Randy Wiwchar informed task force members of the upcoming technical committee meeting scheduled for February 21, 2008.
- It was also decided that there be rotating representation from staff (from the hosting jurisdiction) at future task force meetings in order to provide administrative and technical support as well as report back to task force members on the progress of the technical committee.

Local Motion Grant

- Staff advised that the technical committee would prioritize regional projects worthy of eligibility for grant applications as well as liaise with Ministry of Transportation staff regarding the recommendations and implementation strategies identified through the cycle plan.

Bike to Work Week

- Jim Lister informed task force members of the scheduled June 2 – 6, 2008 “Bike to Work Week” for the Comox Valley, with April 21st identified as being the official promotion or “kick-off” for the event. The “Bike to Work Week” Committee will be sending out letters to all local governments to request proclamation of the week
- Confirmation of funding in support of the event has not been received to date (provincial budget to be released in the near future). It was agreed that any monies received could be administered through, and held in trust by, the City of Courtenay.

Cycling Strategy / Provincial Transit Plan

- The provincial transit plan has identified a new comprehensive cycling strategy to complement transit options.
- Ray Boogaards is to follow-up and report back to task force members with details on the plan and provincial contact information for this initiative.

Other Business

- It was noted that Ed Schum is advocating (at the provincial government level) to have the North Island included as a possible route in the Soaring Eagle Cycling Routes proposal, a proposal which has been brought forward by the BC Cycling Coalition.*
(*<http://bccc.thecyclistwebhouse.com/Soaring%20Eagle%20Cycling%20Routes%20Proposal/Index%20-%20SECR.htm> visit their webpage)
- The task force discussed this initiative and agreed as follows:
“That the Comox Valley Cycling Task Force supports in principle the extension of the Soaring Eagle Cycling Routes Proposal to include North Vancouver Island as a designated route.”
- It was suggested that Mr. Schum’s letter, addressed to the Premier regarding this matter, be forwarded to task force members for review and possible endorsement through each local government jurisdiction.

Public Comments:

- Concerns were expressed relating to the lack of regular roadside sweeping on Dyke Road, the requirement for linkage signage at the end of the Crown Isle Trail, and the desire (as part of traveling by train) to be able to bring/check a cycle on the train.
- The task force committee referred the matter of the requirement for regular sweeping of Dyke Road to the technical committee.

Meeting terminated 4:05 p.m.

Next meeting - March 18, 2008 - Town of Comox commencing at 3:00 pm.