

City of Maple Ridge
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee, held in Suite 300 in the Maple Ridge Business Centre at Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bijan Naghipour	Member at Large
Cpl. Steven Martin	Ridge Meadows RCMP – Traffic Services
Councillor Masse	Council Liaison – Alternate
David Rush	Cycling Rep
Franklin Salguero	Member at Large
Ineke Boekhorst	Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association
Kino Roy, Vice-Chair	Youth Rep
Paul Yeoman, Chair	Member at Large
Tara Abraham	Fraser Health
Wayne Stevens	Seniors Rep

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

David Pollock	Staff Liaison / Municipal Engineer
Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk

REGRETS/ABSENTS

Lisa Beare	School District 42 Rep
Councillor Duncan	Council Liaison

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-009

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda dated March 29, 2017 be amended to add Item 4.4 HUB Cycling Priorities and Item 4.5 Haney Bypass Project and be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

R17-010

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of February 22, 2017 be corrected to show Paul Yeoman as being present, and be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

4. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Cycling on Sidewalks

The Staff Liaison provided data regarding injuries caused by cyclists on sidewalks. The Committee discussed the impact of the existing bylaw on pedestrian and cyclist safety. Ms. Ineke Boekhorst read a letter from the Board of the Downtown Maple Ridge Business Improvement Association (DMRBIA) requesting that Bylaw # 6704-2009 ("Cycling on Sidewalks Bylaw") be rescinded. This request was unanimously supported by the DMRBIA Board. The RCMP traffic safety perspective was provided by Cpl. Martin.

It was agreed to hold Question Period as the next item.

5. QUESTION PERIOD

Cydney Stevenson – business owner on 224th – related her experience with customers exiting her business and having near collisions with cyclists.

Don Mitchell – Senior's Society – shared the experiences of seniors using 224th.

Jackie Chow – cyclist – related her experiences cycling on Lougheed Highway.

Ivan Chow – explained different types of cyclists and how they are affected by speed limits.

Note: Bijan Naghipour entered at 7:13 pm.

R17-011

It was moved and seconded

That the Staff Liaison bring forward suggestions on reducing cyclist / vehicle / pedestrian conflicts on 224th Street to a future ATAC meeting for review.

CARRIED

4.2 Urban Road Form – Downtown Core

The Staff Liaison provided information on road classifications within Maple Ridge, on urban road design and on initiatives that encourage multi modal modes of transportation. The topic was discussed by the Committee. It was suggested the Staff Liaison provide capital spending plans for cycling upgrades to the Committee for review.

4.3 Membership Update

Tara Abraham is currently serving as the Fraser Health representative. Ms. Abraham provided information on Fraser Health's Healthy Built Environment program.

4.4 HUB Cycling Priorities

The Staff Liaison addressed questions raised by Dave Rush regarding specific cycling routes. Mr. Rush reported that the City of Maple Ridge was recently recognized with a "Biggest Leap Award" from HUB Cycling for the City's commitment in delivering bike education to elementary students.

4.5 Haney Bypass Project

The Staff Liaison provided information on the Ministry of Transportation plan for the Haney Bypass.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 DMRBIA Letter re: cycling on sidewalks

6.2 Letter from Ms. Annette Morgan re: cycling on sidewalks

7. ROUNDTABLE

Tara Abraham shared information on the Active Communities grants available through Fraser Health. The deadline for applications has been extended. Any questions regarding the grants should be directed to Ms. Abraham.

Kino Roy raised the issue of cyclists having to dismount to cross multi modal paths and the possibility of amending the existing related Maple Ridge bylaw. The Staff Liaison volunteered to provide more information on this topic at a future meeting.

Councillor Masse advised there is currently a petition before Council requesting that Council advocate to CP Rail for a reduction in train whistles. The outcome of Council's decision will be shared with ATAC.

R17-012

It was moved and seconded

That HUB be invited as a delegation to an upcoming ATAC meeting.

CARRIED

An update on street sweeping will be provided by the Staff Liaison at the next meeting.

Ineke Boekhorst will forward additional correspondence on the topic of cycling on sidewalks to the Committee Clerk for distribution.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Chair

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