

CCCTS Fraser Valley Chapter

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Fraser Valley Chapter - Update

In recent years, CCCTS members in the Comox Valley, Victoria and Ottawa have undertaken initiatives to establish a stronger 'local' CCCTS Chapter presence. This has included activities such as advocacy initiatives with local governments to make local roads safer for cyclists, safe riding programs, local hub & spokes and expanded social program.

In recognition of this, the CCCTS Board of Directors worked to amend the Club Constitution to formally recognize local 'Chapters'. As a result, a change to the Constitution recognizing chapters was brought forward to the CCCTS Annual General Meeting on November 27, 2017 for member consideration and it was APPROVED.

There are a number of benefits to the Fraser Valley (FV) Wednesday ride group becoming a formal 'Chapter' including receiving funding from CCCTS for Club approved activities and workshops.

In the fall of 2017, a Survey Monkey survey was sent to FV members to gauge interest in having a FV Chapter and ask if members would like to become further involved in strengthening, enhancing and building the CCCTS FV Chapter.

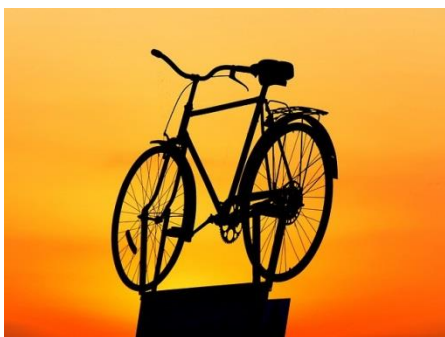
Highlights

- 50 people participated in the Survey
- Subsequent to the survey, a number of survey respondents were contacted to get a better understanding of their opinions and suggestions.

*Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey
and follow up phone calls*



- Refer to Page 3 & 4 of this Newsletter for detailed survey results
- **A power point presentation on the survey findings can be found as a separate document.**
Access the link here>> [CCCTS Survey Power Point](#)



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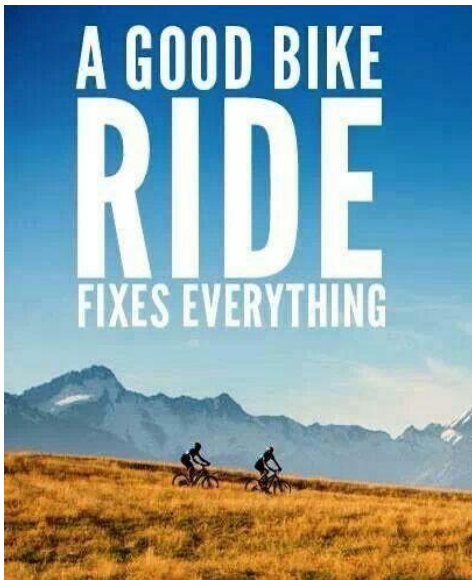
What's Next

Through the survey, many members expressed interest in taking an active role in expanding the activities of the Fraser Valley Chapter – whether that be organizing bike maintenance workshops, planning social events or becoming a new ride leader.

It is now time to put rubber to the road (so to speak) and take member energy and enthusiasm and formulate a plan moving forward. **Step One** is sharing a few thoughts on possibilities of what expansion may look like (see below and pages 3 & 4), **Step Two** is recruiting individuals who are willing to lead various initiatives and **Step Three** is planning and initiating our activities and/or actions.

Although simplified, here are a few initiatives the Chapter may consider (or are already in effect):

- **Cycle Advocacy** > Cycle Safety
- **Member Connection** > Socials > Special Events > Century Ride
- **Education** > Ride Leader Orientation > Bike Maintenance Workshops
- **Communication** > Website > Chapter Newsletters and/or Bulletins
- **Weekly Rides** > Ride Schedule > Ride Leaders
- **Tours and Hub & Spokes** > Ride/Tour Leaders
- **Chapter Support** > Always lots to do!



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"Old bikes seem to be waiting to deliver a message"

Your Involvement

Over the next little while, we will be contacting those people who expressed an interest in supporting/contributing to the chapter activities described above and come up with more specific action plans. However, there is always room for more people to become involved.

If you wish to be involved in moving specific initiatives forward, please contact Clark at clark@woodland.bc.ca or 604-541-8235.

Fraser Valley Chapter - SURVEY RESULTS

Here's what we learned from the survey and the follow up phone calls

Wednesday Rides

Ride Leaders: In 2017, we experienced a shortage of people willing to lead rides and several rides had to be cancelled due to lack of a ride leader. We can always use more ride leaders so, if you are interested please email Neil Moroney at nmoroney@outlook.com.

Training Courses: To encourage more (and new) ride leaders, several people suggested that the chapter put on training courses on leading rides. A general course could include the dos and don'ts of leading a ride and another course could be on using GPS.

Slower Rides: A number of respondents commented that, in recent years, the pace of the Wednesday rides has increased. This has been an issue for some time and the time to address it appears to have arrived!

Possible options include:

- Having both a faster group and a slower group on each Wednesday ride and/or
- Having 2 rides each week – one for faster riders and one for slower riders – particularly in the good riding weather when there is a large turnout.

Cycling Advocacy

HUB: A number of people were interested in seeing the FV chapter take a more active role in cycling advocacy. HUB (formerly the Greater Vancouver Cycling Coalition) already has a South Surrey – White Rock Sub-committee working on local advocacy issues. Several FV members have been in contact with the sub-committee regarding how the FV Chapter may be able to support their initiatives going forward. This appears to be a better idea than undertaking our own advocacy initiatives.

White Rock 0-5-0 Club: We are also coordinating advocacy efforts with the local White Rock 0-5-0 Club.

Local Community: In post survey conversations with FV members, we were pleased to learn that a number of individuals are involved in advocacy initiatives in their local communities.

Bike Maintenance Workshops

Workshops: The survey indicated considerable interest in having bike maintenance workshops. We learned that MEC stores offer a Level 1 and Level 2 workshop (fee charged) and local bike shops may be interested in conducting workshops.

Social Events

Events: There was considerable interest in having more social events in addition to our Christmas lunch ... for example, a summer BBQ. Several people offered to take on a leadership role in planning an event(s).

Tours and Hub & Spokes

Tours and Hub & Spokes: There was some interest in having a "chapter only" Tour and/or Hub & Spoke ... albeit more interest from prospective participants than leaders!

Several people said that they would need/like some assistance in planning a Tour or Hub & Spoke. CCCTS has the resources to do this. Now all we need is for someone to volunteer to plan something☺

Cycling Safety Workshops

Cycle Safety: The topic of cycling safety workshops raised two issues:



1. Should we be doing more safety awareness within our own rider group especially with new people joining our rides?
2. Should we be supporting cycling safety initiatives in our community (e.g., school programs, new adult cyclist programs)?

On the first issue, we have made a number of changes to increase our emphasis on safety-related issues including providing all riders and especially new riders with a written "Safety Guidelines" document and having ride leaders discuss safety issues before each ride begins.

On the second issue, we are of the opinion our efforts should be focused on supporting existing cycling safety initiatives in South Surrey – White Rock rather than starting our own. We are in the process of determining what these initiatives are and which organizations are involved.

Website Maintenance

Website, Ride Schedule and Facebook: The chapter currently has several pages on the CCCTS website, a website with the current ride schedule and an inventory of ride maps and directions and a Facebook page.

Several people expressed interest in assisting to maintain/enhance the FV chapter's website presence and Facebook page but the "what" and "how" still need to be defined.

Weekly Ride Schedule

Ride Schedule and Email Distribution: Neil Moroney is doing a yeoman's job of preparing the quarterly ride schedule, sending out the weekly ride emails and building the inventory of rides. But problems arise when Neil goes on vacation as there currently isn't anyone to take over for him.

Several people expressed interest in assisting Neil but the "what" and "how" still need to be defined.

Newsletter

Was this Newsletter of interest to you? Let us know your thoughts...

What Happens Next?

The Newsletter has outlined a number of important initiatives that the FV chapter could undertake and a number of members have indicated their interest and willingness to provide assistance.

Over the next little while, we will be contacting those people who expressed an interest in supporting/contributing to the chapter activities described above to come up with more specific action plans.

If any of you (those who responded to the Survey Monkey survey and those who did not) have any comments/suggestions to make on the above issues and/or wish to be involved in moving specific initiatives forward, please contact Clark at clark@woodland.bc.ca or 604-541-8235.