

Fraser Valley Chapter Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2021 via Zoom – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Members present: Leslie Beleski, Ann Marie Liggat, David Liggat, Neil McNeill, Mieke Quinn, Dan Ramsden, Larry Weldon, Ralph White, Janet Whitehead, Clark Woodland

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05
2. Approve minutes from March 17th meeting – Moved by Ralph; Seconded by Clark
3. Correspondence

Ed Dillon

Neil reported that he had received an email from Ed in April expressing interest in doing volunteer work for “REC - Bikes for Kids”. Neil’s reply to Ed welcomed his initiative and said that the FV Chapter had established a relationship with REC prior to Covid and that Ed could represent the FV Chapter if he wished to.

John Evanochko

Neil reported that he had received an email from John in April asking if the FV Chapter might be interested in forming a coalition with the Langley HUB Chapter on cycling advocacy issues. Neil’s reply to John said that he would contact the Chair of the Langley Hub re. possibly supporting their advocacy initiatives given that the FV Chapter does lots of rides in Langley.

4. Membership update

Clark reported that 2 new members (Maureen Lowery, Terry Hughes) have joined that Chapter and 2 members renewed their memberships bringing the membership to 104.

5. Financial update

Clark reported that the \$400 operating grant from CCCTS has been received and the current bank balance is \$731.

6. Subcommittees

Rides

a. Resumption of Chapter Rides

The BC Gov't Covid restrictions are in effect until after the May long weekend. Given the current downtrend in new Covid cases, the SC was somewhat optimistic that we may be able to resume our riding activities in June. With that in mind, the SC agreed to tentatively schedule:

- the first Wednesday ride on June 2nd, and
- the Week of Rides to begin on June 14th.

It was agreed that the June 2nd ride would depart from Redwood Park at 10 am with lunch at JD Turkey Farms with a coffee and donut social beforehand starting at 9 am.

It was agreed that, given that we haven't had FV Chapter rides for many months, there should be a "riding protocols and safety talk" prior to the ride.

The calendar on the website will be updated now to reflect these new dates and the SC will have a special meeting the week of May 24th if Covid restrictions allow these events to take place.

b. GoByBikeWeek

GoByBikeWeek (formerly Bike To Work BC) will take place May 31 – June 6.

<https://gobybikebc.ca/>

The SC agreed to encourage FV members to participate in this event and will provide more information to Chapter members in the next Newsletter.

c. E-bike policy feedback

Ralph reported that he had not received any feedback on the E-bike information contained in the March Newsletter. He suggested that we should expect to see more e-bike riders in the future and we need to ensure that new members with e-bikes are aware of and follow our ride and safety guidelines.

Advocacy

a. Intersection of Hwy. 15 and 40th Ave.

SC members have received a copy of the email from Surrey's Engineering Dept. explaining their rationale for the design of the median.

Neil said the Surrey cycling group coalition (HUB, CCCTS, 0-5-0, Team Coastal) still intends to meet with the Engineering Dept. to press for making the intersection more cyclist friendly.

The Engineering Dept. has agreed to allow cycling coalition input to future road projects that have cycling impacts (e.g., Nicomekl Bridge replacement, 84th Ave. corridor).

b. Meeting with Surrey City Council

The Surrey cycling group coalition will be making a presentation to the Surrey City Council at its next meeting on May 10th.

Communications

a. Buy and Sell ads in the Newsletter

It was agreed to continue with the current policy of not publishing Buy and Sell ads in the Chapter Newsletter. It was noted that the CCCTS Newsbrief allows Buy and Sell ads and, perhaps, the CCCTS website could be modified to publish such ads.

b. Topics for Next Newsletter

Status of/preparing for the resumption of weekly Wednesday rides and the Week of Rides.

7. New Business

a. BIKennale/WALKennale 2021 <https://www.vbbike.ca/>

Janet introduced BIKennale/WALKennale 2021 which may be of interest to FV Chapter members. It offers self-guided walking and cycling tours with fascinating information on public art and points of cultural, historical and architectural interest throughout Metro Vancouver.

It was agreed to provide information on BIKennale/WALKennale 2021 in the May Newsletter.

b. GPS workshop

Agreed to defer consideration of another GPS workshop until the fall.

c. Incident report and Waiver

Agreed that ride leaders should carry copies of the CCCTS Incident Report and Waiver.

8. Next Meeting

May 27th, 7 pm, via Zoom - If new Covid restrictions announced after the long weekend permit resumption of our ride program in June.

June 7th, 7 pm, via Zoom - Next regular meeting -

9. Adjourn – 8:40 pm; moved by Neil