

Fraser Valley Chapter Steering Committee Meeting

Monday, March 7, 2021 via Zoom – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Members present: Leslie Beleski, Ed Dillon, Ann Marie Liggat, David Liggat, Neil McNeill, Mieke Quinn, Tom Siems, Ralph White, Janet Whitehead, Clark Woodland

Regrets: Larry Weldon

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Adoption of Minutes from the February 7th meeting. Moved by Ralph, seconded by David. Approved.
2. Business arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting
 - Ed reported that the City of Surrey had received over 2,000 responses to its "Connecting 55's to Technology" survey.
 - Leslie reported that cards had been mailed to Rick Borejsza and Jennie Lynnea's thanking them for their service on the CCCTS Board.
 - After discussion, it was decided not to participate in the Tulip Ride to Mt. Vernon proposed by the Victoria Chapter in April for 2 reasons, primarily:
 - the current CBSA mandatory requirements for returning to Canada (testing, ArriveCan), and
 - the inability to check out proposed routes in the US.

Clark will communicate the SC's decision to the Victoria organizers.

3. Membership –7 new members (Annlee Grimson, Susan Greening, Isabel Lehane, Steve Ramsden, Tom Sooke, Carolyn Carlisle, Norene Danek) have joined the FV Chapter since the beginning of the year bringing the total number of members to 89.
4. Finance – Vancity bank balance = \$689; unchanged from previous report.
5. Rides Subcommittee
 - Ralph and David reported that the ride calendar has been populated with leaders out to the end of November and they will send a memo to ride leaders on how to submit ride information to be posted in the calendar on the website.
 - An email has been sent to FV members advising them that beginning March 16th, rides will begin at 9:30 am.
 - It was agreed that rides across the border will not begin until Covid testing is no longer required.
6. Advocacy

Neil reported that advocacy efforts by the HUB/local cycle club committee continues and provided a status update.

- The improvements to 32nd Ave. from 152nd to 160th are completed and include a multi use path. The structure of the Hwy. 99 overpass over 32nd Ave. prevents the widening of 32nd Ave. to create a multi use path but Surrey has indicated that a fence will be built to separate the current sidewalk from road traffic.
- Work on a new bridge over the Nicomekl River on King George Hwy. is underway but the HUB committee is still waiting for information from Surrey and MOTI on cyclist-related improvements on King George north of the bridge.
- The replacement bridge on 152nd over the Nicomekl River is in the early planning stage and the committee has provided input on cyclist-related needs on the bridge and north on 152nd to Colebrook Road and Hwy. 10.
- The HUB committee is providing input re. new bike lanes on Hwy. 10.
- There is a new bike path in Tynehead Park.

7. Social

Nothing planned until the good weather returns.

8. Communications

Newsblast sent re. change to 9:30 start time beginning with the March 16th ride.

Draft communication re. Hub & Spoke awaiting confirmation of final details.

9. FV Hub & Spoke, July 2022

Janet reviewed a progress report previously circulated to the SC.

Only 20 registrations (including 2 FV members) so far. Agreed to ask Alex Liard (Newsbrief Editor) to send a reminder email to all CCCTS members.

There was general agreement that, unless we can get close to the 35 non FV members originally planned for, the Hub & Spoke should be cancelled. Will make go/no go decision at the next SC meeting on April 4th.

10. New Business - none

11. Next Meeting: 7:00 pm, April 4, 2022

12. Meeting adjourned @8:00 pm. on a motion by Ed Dillon.