

CCCTS Fraser Valley Chapter News

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Steering Committee

The Steering Committee does good things on behalf of you and the other Fraser Valley members including weekly rides, Week of Rides, Century Ride, socials, advocacy initiatives and member communications. If you'd like to contribute to the continuing success of the Chapter, please consider joining our Steering Committee. We'd be delighted to have you.

Contact Edward Dillon at drecdillon@gmail.com for more information.

Victoria BBQ

Over 20 Fraser Valley members attended the Victoria Chapter's Jerry Porter Memorial ride and BBQ on August 16th.

Thanks to our friends in Victoria for inviting us to this enjoyable event.



Welcome New FV Chapter Members

Christa Hauzer
Nanci McConnell
Linda McNeill
Johan Worst

Christmas Lunch and AGM – December 14th

Mark your calendar! We will be having a Christmas lunch and AGM at the Roadhouse Grill on King George Blvd. in South Surrey beginning at 11 am on December 14th. More details to follow.



Summer Party

Thanks to Lorna and Dan Ramsden for hosting a successful and well attended party at their home on Saturday, August 12th.

Relaxed Rides

Our relaxed ride program which began in April with rides every 2nd Friday has been well received with recent rides averaging 14 riders. Given this level of interest, the relaxed ride program will be continued.



Century Ride

The annual Century Ride, where members could choose to cycle all 3 routes (100 miles) or just one or two, was held on August 13th. We had 9 members show up for the first loop of 58km, an additional 9 joined to complete the gruelling 73km second loop with the temperatures reaching 33 degrees and 9 did the final loop of 38km.

Congratulations to everyone that participated!



Fraser Valley Chapter, CCCTS – Advocacy Committee

One of the key purposes of CCCTS is to encourage and support bicycling for transportation, recreation and sport. One of the ways the FV chapter works towards meeting this objective is through our Advocacy Committee. We are part of a coalition consisting of 2 Local Committees of HUB (the Surrey-White Rock and the City/Township of Langley (TOL) Committees), 0-5-0 members and CCCTS members. Through liaison and cooperation with our local government bodies, we have established a strong voice that is being heard on all local transportation issues that have an impact on bicycling. HUB takes the lead and presents our comments and feedback on pending project work and current cycling concerns. We have found it more effective to be a single voice when approaching government.

The following is a condensed list of projects that the coalition had involvement with:

- 152nd Street Upgrade (2023)
- King George Blvd Repaving (buffered) (2022)
- Surrey City Centre Quick-Build Lanes (2022)
- Multi-Use Pathways (MUPs) on 32nd Ave from 152 Street to 164 Street (2022)
- The new painted bike lanes along 74 Avenue from King George Blvd to 138 Street (2021)
- Provided a letter of support to BC Cycling Coalition's petition to the Provincial government in support of the proposed changes to the Motor Vehicle Act that would require motorist to give cyclists a minimum of 1 meter passing space and 3 meters following space. These changes have now been tabled in the Legislature and will likely come into effect in the New Year.
- Hub Langley has worked towards promoting cycling as an alternative to short transportation trips that did not necessitate the use of a large vehicle. In that vein, the Committee approached local government and the business community about the need for secure end-of-trip bike parking. This is one area where we were able to see immediate action taken. Fort Langley being the best example, where the Township agreed to install 9-hoop bike racks in various locations throughout the village.
- The Local Committee provided input to the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure with regards to the design of the new Glover Road overpass over Highway #1 to ensure that cyclist needs were addressed.
- Provided feedback to TransLink and local government regarding the effectiveness of the separated bike lanes on 96th Avenue and the Telegraph Trail in Walnut Grove.
- Lobbied local government transportation staff to address the hazardous conditions of the designated bike route through the Murray Creek Ravine on 40th Avenue.
- Addressed the need for closing the GAP on various bike routes between Surrey and Langley. As an example, the gap between 200th and 192nd Streets at 36th Avenue.
- HUB Langley addressed the need for safer cycling infrastructure on 216th Street. TOL tweaked their plans in response to feedback and has completed the section of 216th Street between Telegraph Trail and 88 Avenue. There are now wide MUPs for cyclists on both sides of the street. The committee continues to lobby the TOL for protected bike lanes on 216th Street from 88 Avenue to 96 Avenue.
- A lengthy reconstruction of the 200th Street freeway overpass has included an important safety improvement for pedestrians and cyclists. The Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure has installed crosswalks and crossing lights on the southwest slip lane to make it safer for people to cross at this freeway exit. The Committee has been lobbying the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure to do the same on Glover Road at Highway 10.
- Provided input to a consultant's work regarding a project in the Village of Fort Langley regarding bike infrastructure.
- Ongoing service requests have been submitted to City Operations and Bylaw Departments to address hazardous road conditions: potholes, lack of or inadequate signage protecting cyclists on designated bike routes, poor sight lines, motor vehicle encroachment/parking on designated bike routes/lanes.

If you have an interest in working towards better cycling for all, feel free to join this committee.

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