

District of North Saanich
Minutes of the Cycling Subcommittee Meeting held
Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Secretarial duties - how to manage them:

Secretarial duties will be shared by Joyce and Floyd.

2. Additions to the Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Review of notes from previous meeting:

There were no changes to the minutes of the last meeting.

4. Business arising:

Liability considerations for proposed hiking and cycling event

This item was deferred until the next meeting – Tim will investigate

OCP submission and Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference were modified and submitted to Ken Cossey, Farrell indicated that they were accepted and that we would have another opportunity to see the final wording when we review the OCP. No time was given as to when that would be

5. Set a date for the proposed Hiking and Cycling Activity Afternoon:

Decision was to introduce the idea of a first annual “Hike and Bike Event” to the Parks Commission with the idea of having this event as the public introduction of the North Saanich Cycling Committee as well as creating an opportunity to showcase what parks and the Cycling Committee had accomplished and what was planned for the near future. The proposed date of the event would be Sunday, September 18, 2005 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. The purpose, from the Cycling Sub-Committee’s point of view, would be to solicit input in response to our terms of reference, Statement of Philosophy and our proposed plans. The event would include as many residents as possible meeting at the Municipal hall on a Sunday afternoon to see some displays, go for a circle bike ride or walking on a trail, and returning to the hall to share refreshments. We would solicit input from the public in the form of a questionnaire that would be filled in and placed in a drum from which we would draw in order to give out a few prizes. (More detail planning for the event will be developed with the Parks Commission.) Some additional ideas: (1) have maps of routes that could be hiked or cycled in one hour with varying distances for different levels of participants; (2) alert the schools because of their interest in cycling in the past; (3) approach the CRD to put up a display showing that the trails and cycle paths in North Saanich were part of a larger GVRD network; (4) invite Russ Hays Bicycle Shop to display some current gear and to sponsor some small door prizes. The purpose of the questionnaire would be to ask questions on cycling preferences, priorities for new paths, cycling hot topics, signing, safety issues, and points of interest in North Saanich. Anny indicated the North Saanich Cultural Committee would like to be involved in this event.

6. Workshop to gather input from the cycling community:

The committee would like to hold a public workshop soon after the Hike and Bike Event to get specific feedback on our future plans, strategies and priorities before we develop our final five-year plan. The workshop would be open to all but would be targeted specifically to persons who are regular commuters or recreational cyclists plus representatives from Southern Vancouver Island cycling associations

7. "Critical flow paths" for the cycling committee for the rest of the year:

This will be discussed as a topic in our planning for our workshop.

8. Evaluation of safety of proposed cycling routes:

Deferred until the June meeting.

9. Other Business:

We need to get information on Bike to Work Week and determine if we should do anything. We discussed some ways of highlighting "Vista Points" for cyclists, and will bring up at the Parks Commission Meeting.

10. Action Plan:

May – review in more detail the existing information we have in the "box of files" – each member and Anny will review what they have, make notes and discuss at the May meeting.

June – we will have a discussion on safety and what our responsibilities are. Tim indicated that there were new standards being published for cycling from National Group TAC (Transportation Association of Canada)

August – Finalize the to-do list for the Hike and Bike Event.

September – Prepare for the workshop.

October/November – build the five-year plan (submission to post-election District Council).

11. Date of next meetings:

Tuesday, May 3, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. (Joyce will not be able to attend this meeting).

Tuesday, June 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. (Floyd will not be able to attend this meeting).

Submitted by:

Floyd Mailhot – Secretary of the day