

Notes from February 8 meeting of the Cycling Subcommittee (North Saanich Parks Commission)

Meeting held at the home of Farrell and Penny Boyce, 7:00 to 8:15 pm.

Present: Farrell Boyce (chair), Councillor Anny Scoones, Floyd Mailhot, Joyce Norlund

1. Councillor Scoones outlined several active, cycling-related "files" that she was personally pursuing:

1.1 Negotiations with BC Ferries for safe cycling connections to Lands End Road and the Lochside trail

1.2 Negotiations with the Victoria Airport Authority for an extension of the cycling lanes on Willingdon Road from the Airport entrance west to West Saanich Road

1.3 Negotiations with a developer to discharge his public duties by contributing to cycling lanes on McTavish Road between East and West Saanich Roads.

1.4 Other options – West Saanich Road, extension to John Road, Mills road along the proposed sewer line, Wain Road beyond Tatlow

2. The immediate task confronting the Subcommittee is to prepare a draft submission to the Official Community Plan replacing the previous (now outdated) text and map. It is important to embed a strong commitment to the encouragement of cycling (both as a transportation alternative and as a recreational activity) in the OCP.

To this end, we agreed to:

2.1 Sketch out draft cycling submissions individually

2.2 Meet Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 pm at the home of Councillor Scoones to collate individual submissions into a Subcommittee document.

2.3 To inspect the routes we decide to include in the updated map and make note of any needed improvements etc. (Weather permitting, the weekend of 19 and 20 February).

2.4 To incorporate the information from the route inspection into the document to be submitted to Mr. Cossey (consultant engaged to assemble the revised OCP). Meeting date to be announced.

3. The complete "dossier" on cycling in North Saanich (dating back to at least 1991) was made available to the present Subcommittee. The documents were divided up among the attendees with the charge to examine them for relevance to our current situation and to flag items with which we should all be familiar as defining the essential history of previous cycling initiatives.

4. Discussion around Terms of Reference – Topics to consider:

4.1 Priorities for future bike paths (commuter, recreational, tourism)

4.2 Responsibility for safety, signs and policy

4.3 Getting the message out; cycling component in the OCP, recommended routes in the North Saanich Trails booklet