

**Cycling Subcommittee of the  
North Saanich Parks Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
Tuesday, June 7, 2005**

The meeting convened at 7:15 pm in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Hall with Farrell Boyce in the Chair.

1. Present: Farrell Boyce, Joyce Nordlund, Annie Scoones, and Tim Tanton.

Regrets: Floyd Mailhot

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. There were no changes.
3. Referral to the Parks Committee Meeting on June 12:  
It has been noted that the Annual Report of the Parks Commission to Council requires a statement regarding cycling. It is requested that the Parks Commission include the following in their Report to Council for 2006.  
*"In 2003 a fund was established for the development of cycling routes and paths in North Saanich. In 2005 a subcommittee of the Parks Commission was established. The Cycling Subcommittee is currently organizing a Bike/Hike Event to involve the community and to gather input and feedback to assist in the development of future policy. The goal for 2006 is to develop a prioritized action plan for the establishment and development of cycling routes and paths."*
4. CRD Assessment of Cycling Needs.  
It was agreed that each member of the Cycling Subcommittee will study the CRD report before the next meeting when the Subcommittee will prepare a list of cycling priorities for North Saanich.
5. Proposal for Cycle Lane Markings.  
It was agreed that cycle lanes should be painted at the intersection of Lochside and McTavish Road. The Municipal Engineer's proposal for cycle route markings at that location was endorsed by the Subcommittee.
6. Bicycle Lanes on East Saanich Road.  
Whereas East Saanich Road from McTavish Road to Willingdon Road is a high traffic route it was agreed that the Subcommittee will propose that the Parks Commission request that Council approve the addition of cycle lanes when that section of East Saanich Road is repaved.

7. Planning for the Bike/Hike on October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- a. Farrell will arrange for contact to be made with the RCMP, ICBC, Russ Hay's Bicycle Shop, and Brentwood Cycle to sponsor the Bike/Hike event by providing handouts (perhaps safety markers, reflectors, informative pamphlets) or draw prizes for completion of routes and for completing the survey.
  - b. The Cultural Committee will provide refreshments – Annie to coordinate.
  - c. At the agenda for the September meeting will include:
    - Planning for publicity;
    - Planning displays;
    - Deciding on the routes;
    - Writing a short questionnaire designed to obtain feedback from the participants.

Farrell will contact Subcommittee members regarding preliminary work to do on these topics prior to the meeting.

8. Inspection of Proposed Cycle Routes.

It was agreed that it would be advisable for the members of the Subcommittee to cycle the roads being considered for cycle lanes to assess what is required on each route. This will be done from June to September. It would be best if this was done as a group effort so that there can be discussion about the route on site.

9. Possible Gas Tax Grants.

It was agreed that the development of cycle lanes/paths meet the projected criteria for the Gas Tax Grants that the federal government has promised to municipalities. In order to capitalize on this opportunity the Subcommittee must prepare a proposal as soon as possible. An obvious improvement that could be proposed in short order would be the creation of cycle lanes on West Saanich Road between Wain Road and McTavish Road.

10. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

*Joyce Nordlund  
Recording Secretary*