

GREATER VERNON CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 19, 2012, Vernon City Council Chambers

Present: Byron Beck, Bryn Jones, Julia Lissau, Rob Miles, Bruce Mol, Gerry Naito, Mary Stockdale, Ward Strong, Barry Tranquada, Amanda Watson, Kim Young

1. **Presentation, January 23, 1:30 pm, Vernon Council Chambers** – Ward gave a dry run and was given input.
2. **Advocacy In Conjunction With Other Cycling/Outdoors-related Clubs:**
 - NOCS – Kim has made contact. Their focus is off-road, however they do use the City’s cycling infrastructure to get to where they’re going. Trail construction they would like to see happen is between Adventure Bay and Bella Vista – long the ridges. They wish to approach the City for funds. They hold monthly executive meetings and their AGM is in March. Kim will attend the AGM to explain our function in relation to them and hope to have access to their mailing list or have one or more executive who would pass our information on monthly to all members.
 - Vernon Outdoors Club (VOC) – we hope to connect with a member (cyclist?) who could pass information on. Kim will seek a presentation at their next meeting.
 - Other contacts - Kim to follow up on past contacts passed on to him.
3. **District of Coldstream:**
 - * Letter of support requested for construction of a multi-use pathway along Kidston Road. Kim to provide it.
 - * A high quality path is in place on the west side of the road from the Red Gate towards town. The trail crosses the road after about 500m to link up to Palfrey Trail (not too safe as there’s a crossing at the corner by the Red Gate as well as mid-block to access the Palfrey Trail). The pathway had a high cost due to supports for the section along the cliff edge. The District put in a high-quality path rather than just widening the road since they would be unable to get funds otherwise.
 - * A walkway is needed along Coldstream Creek Road going south, however right-of-ways will be a challenge.
 - * Ribbons of Green presented to NORD asking for an adequately wide but rough trail on Lakeview to the Lookout – a distance of about 200m. In the past both District of Coldstream and NORD said it was the other’s responsibility. One problem with just having a “good enough” trail roughed in is that engineers have no statute of liability re: construction so they “over-build” to ensure no problems in future. They may not wish to associated with such a trail. RoG has also presented to NORD asking for a connecting trail from Vernon to Kekuli Park as an extension of Jack Shratter Way.
4. **Education Campaign Suggestions;**
 - * There needs to be public education to address such road safety items as pedestrian visibility and having cyclists obey rules of the road. The City Website is available, however staff have no time to input information. Hopefully GVCAC has material that could be easily uploaded? Information is available there from previously printed ICBC booklets. Many do not access websites, though. There need to be new and innovative ways to educate all – even drivers.
 - * The Cascade Program newsletter contains information on paid cycling advocates – they cycle around town providing education and information and their visibility provides a role model for others. Bruce noted several ways cyclists were educated through his weekly local neighbourhood cycles in New Westminster. ICBC removed all funding for cycling education in 2002 and, despite 2 local pedestrian fatalities and a cyclist injury there’s no ‘buy-in’ from them.
 - * Jim Pattino, who runs the bike squad locally for the summer could be invited to speak at a future meeting.
 - * We could work with local bike shops so they’d hold educational evening rides as is done in Kelowna.
 - * In Vancouver Bruce provided “5 minute tutorials” before a short ride around different areas in Vancouver. This could be done here to give pointers on getting up ‘hospital hill’.
 - * Ask NOCS to provide ‘bike buddies’? or ask Global Ed students?

5. On Agenda For February 16, 7:45am, GVCAC Meeting at City Hall:

- * Cyclists out at dusk who have no vest or lighting - or it's inadequate. We could find and recommend reflective jackets/vests, order from a supplier, then have the local bike shops 'flog' them.
- * bylaw enforcement and community policing
- * "This is what we'd like to do" Program
- * Bike To Work Week plans
- * Gran Fonyo Cycle "Race", July 18/12: - it's from Kelowna to Vernon and back to Kelowna with a half race just from Vernon to Kelowna also planned. The DVA would like to start the race from the town centre, possibly closing down a road for a brief time, and have events planned for the same time period.