

# News

## Teachers take to the streets

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For the second time in two months eight Vernon teachers have participated in an advanced level CAN-BIKE2 cycling skills course.

The course is being led by Bruce Mol, a nationally certified cycling skills instructor and the chair of the Greater Vernon Cycling Advisory Committee.

"Teachers and two cycling instructors negotiated Vernon's most difficult traffic situations taking turns leading the group on nearby highways, main shopping streets and some congested intersec-tions," said Mol.

The teachers are taking a certificate course learning how to handle the most difficult traffic situations so they qualify to teach ICBC's Bike Smarts program and prepare for cycling field trips.

"The teachers braved subzero temperatures in February, rain in March and are hoping for a sunny day when the course concludes in April," said Mol.

Mol is the author of a handbook about cycling leadership (see <http://gonecycling.com/leader/handbook.pdf>) and a book about cycling across Canada (see <http://gonecycling.com/book/>).

For more information about School Travel Plans see this page on the City of Vernon website. [http://www.vernon.ca/lifestyles/living\\_in\\_vernon/trans\\_safe.html](http://www.vernon.ca/lifestyles/living_in_vernon/trans_safe.html)

For more information about CAN-BIKE skills courses see [www.canbike.net/cca\\_pages/index.htm](http://www.canbike.net/cca_pages/index.htm)

For more information about Greater Vernon Cycling Advisory Committee see <http://gonecycling.com/gvac/>



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**Hadrian Merler (left), Melissa Jacobs, Murray Sages, Terry Petersen and Dale Olsen, teachers in the Vernon School District, take the CAN-BIKE cycling skills course to develop strategies for taking youth on the road for field trips and commuting to school by bike.**