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Meeting Notes

Date: June 22, 2016

Nanaimo Regional District Electoral Area “H” Active Transportation (AT) Plan Stakeholder Meeting

Present:

Alta: Gavin Davidson, Kevin Fraser

RDN: Paul Thompson (Manager of Long Range Planning) Courtney Simpson (Senior Planner, Long Range Planning),
 Jamai Schile (Planner), Bill Veenhof (Electoral Area H Director), Wendy Marshall (Parks), Brandon Miller (Transit)

Bowser Elementary Parents Advisory Council/Lighthouse County Business Association: Lori Chesley

OCP Working Group: Don Milburn, Dave Simpson (casual walking group)

Greater Nanaimo Cycling Coalition: Leo Boon

Resident and Friday Walking Group: Sherry Gallagher

Note that comments are associated with individuals; issues are roughly in chronological order

Individual	Comments
Bill Veenhof	Importance of aesthetics, holistic thinking, “storefront to the street” Need to be pragmatic and face challenges head on Deeply important to involve MoTI – conflicts between two parties noted in Gabriola work Community works fund \$600,000 by end of year
Leo Boon	Advocates/pessimists in MoTI – doesn’t matter, need to influence decision makers within agency
Lori Chesley	Important connections for kids, alternatives to bussing, particularly between elementary school and Magnolia Court
Bill Veenhof	Question to Leo: Lighthouse Trail viable for bike tourism?
Leo Boon	Response, could be if connected to destinations such as Deep Bay and Qualicum Beach Surface needs to be smooth and easy to ride on, but not necessarily paved Cowichan Valley Trail narrow but suitable for road bikes You want people (in cars) to slow down to spend tourist dollars, boost local economies Lighthouse, E&N great option for trail Important to also consider mobility scooters (tours currently taking place in Nanaimo)



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Wendy Marshall	<p>Trails should be of material that compacts for wheelchairs</p> <p>Meandering (Lighthouse) vs. direct routes (E&N rail line and road right of ways), important distinction between commuting and recreation-oriented trails</p>
Leo Boon	<p>Shoulders are way too narrow</p> <p>E-bikes important future consideration (growing popularity in Holland + elsewhere), conducive to longer commutes by bike, converts former drivers</p>
Bill Veenhof	<p>Lakeview Road, Spider Lake are dangerous</p> <p>Faye Road + Gainsberg are good candidates for advisory lanes</p>
Wendy Marshall	<p>Importance of E&N Corridor</p> <p>Doing first connector right now, opportunity</p> <p>Serves as “spine,” but access points are needed along the spine</p> <p>Consider horseback riding</p>
Leo Boon	<p>GNCC and BCCC will distribute information on project, including from WikiMap and website. Feedback from contacts/members/associated members, in addition to data collected, should provide good idea of popular walking and cycling routes</p> <p>Employ varied strategies to complete contiguous route – i.e. to travel through the area might mean using a combination of existing quiet residential roads, packed trails, and widened shoulders</p> <p>Getting people to embrace active transportation means looking at ways to make roads and trails 'safe.' Can be accomplished by changing behaviour with road users – e.g. improve road crossing for wheelchair and pedestrians at important community areas such as business nodes, thereby reducing speeds of motorized road users</p>