



Will Victoria Be the Next Copenhagen?

Neighbourhood Conversations Continue Across the City and with Copenhagen's Cycling Expert Andreas Røhl

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VICTORIA, BC – As Victoria continues to seek feedback on a proposed bike network with the community, they are also learning from one of the world's most bike-friendly cities, Copenhagen, Denmark. Next week, Andreas Røhl, cycling specialist with Gehl Architects & Studio, and former Bicycle Program Manager for the City of Copenhagen, will speak to City Council and the community about his experience designing a world-class cycling network.

Mr. Røhl is part of the International Team involved in reviewing Victoria's current cycling infrastructure, and proposing priority All Ages and Abilities routes for the future. Victoria's community plan strives to see 70% of residents walking or biking by 2041, and in 2015 City Council developed a bold vision to become one of the best small cities in the world for cycling. Informed by extensive public input, the City's strategic plan sets the goal that Victoria will be "a national leader in cycling infrastructure by building an All Ages and Abilities cycling network by 2018." The first corridor will be constructed on Pandora Avenue this spring.

The community is invited to attend a public session with Andrea Rohl, on Friday, March 4 at the Victoria Conference Centre from 10 a.m. – noon. Those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/AndreasRohlRSVP/>.

As Victoria considers options for a future network of protected bike lanes, the City continues to discuss and invite feedback on a proposed network prior to Council consideration in April. A number of opportunities to learn more about the overall network and about specific corridors will occur across the city in the coming weeks.

Tomorrow, the Biketoria team will be at the Oaklands Community Centre (2827 Belmont Avenue) from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Other upcoming opportunities include:

- Hillside/Quadra – Monday, March 7 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Quadra Village Community Centre, 901 Kings Road
- James Bay – Wednesday, March 9 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the James Bay New Horizons, 234 Menzies Street
- Victoria West – Tuesday, March 15 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Victoria West Community Centre, 521 Craigflower Road

Additional community meetings are being finalized with neighbourhood associations and individuals interested in attending can enquire through engage@victoria.ca or check the City's website www.victoria.ca/cycling

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