

Town Center Businesses Support Active Transportation

The Businesses of the Town Center are not opposed to Active Transportation Networks (ATN) including Bike Lanes and the use of our substantial property tax money in their construction. **We are opposed to locating ATN and bike lanes where they do not make sense and are not effective in providing a safe route suitable for a diverse group of users.**

We don't support experimenting with our lives by placing **"quick build temporary bike lane facilities"** that will remove accessible and short term parking that our clients rely on. For us there is nothing **"Temporary"** about the placement of bike lanes and the removal of the street parking we have relied on for decades. Without this street parking our businesses will not survive.

The Town Center Business Bike Lane and Active Transportation Plan Proposal seeks to provide a **Complete and Connected Active Transportation Network** where in the short term (1-3 years) the basic infrastructure proposed in **The Plan Part A and B** is constructed. Over a 3 to 7 year time horizon (as residential density increases) this Network can seamlessly be extended and expanded to provide for safe, stress free active transportation connections east on Lyall to Macaulay School, Work Point Military Housing/Facilities and West Bay (as per the 2015 West Bay Plan), south on Lampson to Fleming Beach and Macaulay Point Park, west on Munro to Saxe Point Park from Lampson, and north again on Fraser or Admirals to Lyall to complete the loop.

In the following analysis we will point out the shortcomings of the current Township ATPN as it relates to the British Columbia Active Transportation Network Design Guide, its lack of vision for the future, inconsistency with other stated Municipal priorities, lack of consideration of current and future land use, incorrect information and the lack of consideration of the importance of the Town Center Businesses to the future of Esquimalt Town Center.

We will compare our ATN and Bike Lane proposal against the Township's and with a balanced and honest consideration of the real facts.

We will provide an analysis of the TRUE parking losses of all proposals in regard to the losses of residential and commercial parking.

It is important to point out that the Township has not allowed the Town Center Businesses to present their ATN Proposals on the Engaging Esquimalt Site and thus our Proposals will not be represented on the Engaging Esquimalt website or at the November 28th and January 16th Open Houses.

If you agree that the Town Center Businesses are important to you and the Community and you agree with our proposals please let that be know in the Survey.